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The 'Buttrills cycleway is in wrong place!'

– LOCAL RESIDENTS CLAIM

ABOVE:
Mrs Angela Price, Mr Ceri Price and Mrs Irene Frost claim that a joint pathway-cycleway is being built in the wrong part of Buttrills Field.

REPORT by TIM CHAPMAN

RESIDENTS in Colcot's The Pastures, have pleaded with the Vale Council to halt the construction of a joint pathway-cycleway along the perimeter of Buttrills Field.

Construction of the path, which was conceived with the idea of making a safer and healthier route to Barry Comprehensive School for local youngsters, began on Monday (July 2).

But local residents Mr Ceri Price, Mrs Angela Price and Mrs Irene Frost, claim the path is being built without proper consultation by the Vale Council, is in the wrong location, and could lead to it being misused near houses.

Mr Price said: "Residents in the area have been treated like mushrooms – drip-fed and kept in the dark.

"We think there should have been more transparency in the process.

"The path is to go along the east and cemetery side of the field, when it should be going along the western side."

Local residents received a letter from the council on June 25, explaining what was planned – but say that they have been trying to find out what was to happen for more than two years, after a man was seen at the field operating a theodolite.

The pathway will be 700 metres long and three metres wide. In the field, it will run from an alley (that links to Colcot Road) up to a point adjacent to The Pastures, and alongside the cemetery to North Walk and St Fagans Avenue.

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Families enjoyed a glorious – and all too brief – glimpse of summer at Fonmon Castle country fair over the weekend. For more of Andy Wicks' images of the event, please turn to page 5.

Councillor's concern over the future of local residential home

by TIM CHAPMAN

A Dinas Powys councillor has asked the Vale Council to outline its proposals for the future of Bryneithin, a residential home in the village which cares for elderly people with dementia.

Three years ago, it looked as if the home might be forced to close, with residents being moved to Ty Dyfan in Barry, or alternative homes. The relatives fought a legal battle to establish the right of residents to remain there as long as they wished.

Coun Chris Franks, who lives in Dinas Powys, said he understands 13 staff are employed at the home plus a senior officer – there are two residents. The 'revenue spend' in the last financial year was £450,000.

Coun Franks claimed that he had failed to get a clear idea of what was planned at Bryneithin when he put questions on its future to Vale cabinet member Coun Stuart Egan during a council meeting last week.

Coun Franks said he wanted to know whether the Vale Council had long term proposals for the home.

He said: "The cost of the bungled attempt to close this much-loved home by the previous Conservative administration is now clear to all.

"I was concerned that the new Labour administration did not indicate their proposals for the home and residents.

"The plans to close the home in the face of strong opposition from the families involved and the wider community (by the previous administration) were ill conceived and financially reckless.

"Plaid now wants an assurance that in future, when considering any further cuts to social services, that adequate and meaningful consultations take place. We do not want a repeat of this fiasco."

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If there was a Republic... Who would be the President?

IN answer to the couple of pro-Republic letters in last week's GEM, I think what people have to consider is who or what would we have as President?

Almost certainly, if a Presidential election was to be any time soon, the front runners would be Tony Blair and Boris Johnson, or maybe Red Ken. Now come on gents, be serious.

If not those, the candidates would certainly be political, even if they swore blind they were not...and why would we want more of that?

In a republic, what would we call the United Kingdom? The United Republic of...what? Britain? Great Britain refers only to the mainland, so what about Northern Ireland and our many islands?

Unlike Mr Tony Leat, I believe a referendum for the abolition of the monarchy would produce a huge turn-out of voters in support of HM.

But why would our Prime Minister allow such a referendum? Let me explain: Francois Hollande is the President of France (not his proper title, but good enough), how many can name the French Prime Minister? Not many, I suspect, so would our PM allow himself to sink into similar obscurity? Not a hope.

Who would our forces fight for if not Queen and country? Boris and Britain maybe? Blair and Britain?

Another question; would our forces be as ready to fight and maybe die for a President? Would a President expect any less reverence than that given to HM?

Of course not, he would be our Head of State. Would he be any less self-aggrandising than the crowd who run our Government now? Of course not.

I bang no big drum for the royal family, although I served in the RAF, but I cannot see a better option for us than a reigning monarch.

Until the strident pro-Republicans can give us a considered view of exactly what life would be like under an elected Head of State, I think a dignified silence would be best.

Gerwyn Thomas,
Llantwit Major.

GEM FOOTNOTE: The writer raises an interesting point. Who would be chosen as UK President? Give us your view.

Children's brain injury website

I WOULD like to invite your readers to help me raise awareness of an important new information website for parents which is very close to my heart.

The Brain Injury Hub *(www.braininjuryhub.co.uk)* provides comprehensive information and support to the parents and other family members of children who have suffered a brain injury.

It's been developed by the national charity The Children's Trust, Tadworth.

My own experience of brain injury has been widely reported, but of course children can suffer brain injuries too – the causes include road accidents, falls, brain tumours and meningitis.

As a vice-president of The Children's Trust, I have already seen the amazing work the charity does at its national rehabilitation centre for children with brain injuries.

Perhaps you know the parent of a child with a brain injury, maybe amongst your family or friends or at your child's school. If you do, please tell them about the Brain Injury Hub.

It could help the whole family overcome the serious challenges they may be facing.

Richard Hammond,
television presenter.
(On behalf of The Children's Trust, Tadworth)

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'One hundred and one, not-out in Barry!'

I WOULD like to thank all those dear friends who so kindly sent me cards and flowers with their love and best wishes on my 101st birthday. Bless you all!

Our close family celebrated the occasion of my birthday at the Sportsman's Rest, Peterston-super-Ely, all arranged by my elder son, Brian and there were 14 of us, including son Leslie and daughter Jennifer, grand-daughters, a grandson and great grand-daughter.

Unable to be present were my grandson David and his two sons, all of whom live in Cornwall.

Fortunately, the birthday cake did not bear 101 candles to blow out, or I would have been out of breath. Just one for each decade of my life was placed in the cake and one breath extinguished them!

Other people present, quite strangers, offered congratulations and one lady in particular said that she had often offered wishes to people celebrating their 100th birthday, but I was the first one at 101!

As I have commented before, when I have been asked what do I attribute my long life to, other than saying I have looked after myself and been blessed with a good constitution, I have no answer.

What the future has in store, remains to be seen but my wish is that I will not become a nuisance to my family and I put my trust in the Almighty.

Alfred Mills,
Barry.

Questions for the Eisteddfod on public transport to Maes

SURELY the transport group considered public transport to the Eisteddfod site at Llandow? Did they find it too difficult to give priority to a bus along the narrow lanes, so dropped the idea of a shuttle bus from Llantwit rail station, like from Ebbw Vale to the Eisteddfod field two years ago?

At that event, I found it very easy to cycle from Ebbw Vale Parkway to the cycle parking compound on the Maes.

This time, it looks like jockeying with nose-to-tail cars fuming on the lane. Shame on the organisers and Vale Council that 'How to reach the Maes' on the website refers only to traffic and coaches, nothing for cyclists and bus users. So much for using the event as a showcase for the Vale of Glamorgan!

Max Wallis
Barry & Vale Friends of the Earth

FOOTNOTE: An Eisteddfod spokeswoman replies: *"The National Eisteddfod always encourages visitors to use public transport, and details of the shuttle buses organised with the Vale of Glamorgan Council are available to download from the Eisteddfod and council websites.*

"These buses will meet trains at Llantwit Major station and bring them to the Maes.

"A similar service will run between Cowbridge and the Maes. We also encourage our visitors to use the Traveline website and information line to plan their journey.

"Information on public transport will also be included in a welcome pack to Eisteddfod visitors staying in many of the Vale hotels and B&Bs – which will shortly be distributed to the accommodation providers.

"The Eisteddfod has always encouraged people to cycle to the festival and this year there are 400 lockable cycle spaces available near the main entrance.

"However, if you do decide to travel by car, please follow the signs carefully to ease any congestion."

FLY TIPPING OVER AT LAST?

ALMOST nine months ago, in The GEM of September 15, 2011, you published my letter concerning the terrible mess on the derelict site next to the Liberal Club, Thompson Street, Barry.

Within a few days of publication, the site was cleared and on September 29, 2011, you published my letter thanking the power of The GEM for having this dealt with.

The site was not developed, and the same fly-tipping recurred. I contacted the owner three times and he promised to clear it again.

I felt sorry for him, although the site – in a valuable location – attracts fly tippers too lazy to go to the municipal tip, or put out their detritus for collection.

Thankfully, the owner needs to be congratulated, as at last it appears something is happening: barriers have been erected and the area screened off.

I hope this will solve the tipping and health and safety problem.

We will see!

Christopher Short,
Barry.

CHALLENGED FOR TY HAFAN

I WOULD like to thank C2K Ltd Bridgend, the traders of Park Crescent, those members of the Wyndham Club Barry and also family and friends who sponsored our team 'Vertically Challenged' in the recent 3 Peaks challenge in aid of Ty Hafan.

Readers will be pleased to hear that, in all, our team has so far raised over £1,300 and still rising. If I didn't get round to you and you would like to donate, you can still go on line up until August at *http://www.justgiving.com/welsh3peaks2012.*

Thankyou for your support and I will, hopefully, be back next year.

Phil Lannen,
Barry.

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'UK cuts will pay for EU bail-out'

IT has now been suggested that our 'caring' Prime Minister is expected to back plans to pay a further £1.3billion pounds to the EU, in what has been stated is *"a back door bail-out for the nose diving EU economy".*

This is the brainchild of the new French President, Francois Hollande to bolster the coffers of the European Investment Bank.

The UK Government has so far contributed almost £15billion to help the economies of Greece, Ireland and Portugal.

This Prime Minister of ours is cutting everything to the bone in the UK, yet he can flash the UK taxpayers' wallet to the EU as soon as they want a bit more.

It's time Mr Cameron called a halt to this never- ending give, give, give to the EU. Let them sink, and get us out of it.

He has no mandate from the British people to give anything to the EU.

Come on, Mr Cameron, get us out of this corrupt club. If not, enjoy the rest of your time in office, as it will be your last.

D J Radford,
Barry.

What happened to memorial plaque?

I HAVE recently been contacted by a constituent who lives in my ward, asking for information about a memorial plaque for the war that used to be on the wall at Jenner Park School – they would like to know what happened to it.

The original was believed to have been grey in colour, approx. two feet wide, and although it didn't have any names on it, it is said to have had a verse about former pupils of the school whose lives were lost at war.

It is said to be last sighted in the offices of Barry Town Council at the Memorial Hall in Barry.

If anyone has any information about this plaque, or remembers anything about it, please get in touch with me on 01446 736227

Coun Richard Bertin,
Court ward, Barry.

Boot sales frustration

I WRITE in response to Neill Dodd's letter 'Sully given the Boot' (The GEM last week) which raised several questions regarding the car boot sales at Sully.

As organisers, we can assure Neill we are as frustrated as him, along with the hordes of followers who regularly support the events, that we have had to cancel several sales due to the inclement weather.

Health and safety is our main priority, and as the sales are held on grass, we are dictated to by the weather conditions.

It is in everyone's interest to get the sales on as the proceeds are vital to our organisation and have been reinvested in all our sports sections, facilitating all age groups – along with funding the upkeep of the grounds and our support to children's charities.

Ken Francis,
Sully.

HIGH TIDE TIMES
(UNTIL JULY 12)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

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06 Fri	09.02	9.9	21.21	10.1
07 Sat	09.43	9.7	22.03	9.8
08 Sun	10.24	9.3	22.44	9.5
09 Mon	11.03	8.9	23.23	8.8
10 Tues	11.41	8.5		
11 Wed	00.04	8.3	12.26	8.0
12 Thur	00.55	8.0	13.21	7.7

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should always check with a tide table specific to their location.

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'IT WAS A HORRIBLE EXPERIENCE...'

'Seagull swooped onto my pond and took fish!'

by TIM CHAPMAN

A Barry woman, who has a pond in her garden, saw a seagull swoop down and snatch a fish from the water!

The woman lives in the east part of town and does not want to be identified, but blamed local people who were feeding seagulls for causing problems.

She told The GEM: "I firmly believe that seagulls belong over the sea and coast and not inland.

"Someone near where I live is feeding the seagulls on a regular basis.

"More and more are appearing every week and they are causing a problem with the droppings over the gardens and houses.

"Worse still, they have been landing on my roof. To my horror last week, as I looked out of the window, a seagull landed on the pond and took one of our fish.

"We have had this pond for nearly 20 years and the fish are well looked after and loved. It was a horrible experience to watch and I was powerless to help.

"I love our garden birds and always have feeders out for them."

But with regard to the invading seagulls, the woman issued this plea to people in the town: "Please people of Barry, stop feeding these seagulls as they are a real hazard."

The woman's complaint mirrors that of Mr Richard Pierce, who lives on the other side of the town, and told The GEM earlier this year that delinquent seagulls were making the lives of local people a misery.

He likened their reign of terror to that of the Alfred Hitchcock horror film *The Birds*.

Mr Pierce said that when seagulls remain in their clifftop habitat, they don't pose a problem, but once they start nesting on people's houses they become a nightmare.

He said they dive bombed people to protect their territory, started squawking as early as 4am, fought among themselves, and he had even seen them have a set-to with a local fox.

The Vale Council advises people not to feed gulls, because it creates an artificially high population, and encourages other breeding pairs to take up residence in an area.

Barry schoolgirl wins M&S national poster competition

A BARRY schoolgirl recently had the chance to visit a dairy farm and become a junior journalist, after winning a competition run by Marks & Spencer.

Hannah Spence (eight) designed the winning entry in a competition asking entrants to create a poster about the benefits of drinking milk to celebrate M&S' new 'Better for You' milk range.

The new milk has been created to be better for M&S customers, farmers, cows and the planet and took over a year to develop.

The poster designed by Hannah has pictures of cows together with information on why milk is good for you. The winning design gave her the opportunity to visit a working dairy farm at Coleg Meirion-Dwyfor, and to report on her visit for First News.

She said: "I had a great time visiting the farm and learning all about milk. I can't wait to see my report and poster in First News."

Steve McLean, M&S Head of Agriculture and Fisheries, said: "We were thrilled with Hannah's poster, which shows how the new milk is better for both the cows that produce it and our customers who drink it."

ABOVE: Hannah Spence, with the winning poster design that won her the chance to be a 'junior journalist' for the day.

BARRY SCHOOL WINS AGAIN!

A BARRY school is celebrating after taking away the top award in the Books Council's Welsh-language books competition for primary schools at the Arts Centre in Aberystwyth.

Ysgol Sant Curig, took the main award in the competition for Years 5 and 6 pupils as 34 teams from all corners of Wales competed for a number of awards by discussing books and performing short dramatic presentations.

Wednesday, June 20 saw Ysgol Sant Curig in action, and the Arts Centre was full of enthusiastic children as year-5 and 6 pupils competed for the awards.

Ysgol Sant Curig took the main award, with Ysgol Treganna and Tan yr Eos, Cardiff, in second place and Ysgol Gymraeg Aberystwyth third. Sant Curig and Treganna and Tan yr Eos schools were repeating their successes of 2011.

Elwyn Jones, Chief Executive of the Books Council, said: "The books competition for primary schools is an initiative that introduces children to the joys of reading whilst honing their analytical, discussion and interpretation skills, and providing a platform for their performing talents."

In addition to the competitions, author and children's book illustrator Jac Jones – who recently received the 2012 Mary Vaughan Jones Award – held workshops on both days.

Every child who took part in the competitions was invited to choose a free book to take home as a memento.

The pupils of Ysgol Sant Curig, Barry celebrate their victory at the Books Council's Welsh-language books competition for primary schools.

It's festival time again!

IT'S Penarth Festival time again and the Cliff Top Painters are looking forward to the 10-day outdoor art exhibition.

The exhibition will be held on the cliff walk in Penarth as part of the festival. Artists have been hard at it to produce their pictures and display another collection of their work.

Watercolours, mixed media, oils and acrylics will be on display every day from July 5-15, between 12 noon and 8pm.

The Mayor of Penarth will perform an official opening on Thursday, July 5 at 12 noon.

We look forward to seeing all of our supporters and newcomers.

Peggy Davies
(Event organiser)

'Drivers setting up parking tragedy'

THERE is increasing unrest concerning inconsiderate and irresponsible car parking in and around Barry and Barry Island.

A typical example can be seen daily in High Street, Barry: at each junction adjoining High Street, each corner displays double yellow lines but in these same spots, motorists defy the law and park on the yellow lines so close to the junction it impairs the visibility of other more thoughtful motorists.

Recently, the local school bus (approximately 30 feet in length) tried to turn into High Street from Windsor Road and was obstructed by two vehicles on each of the corners and the bus could not manoeuvre in to high street and had to abort.

The driver then tried to enter High Street at its junction with Market Street and again had to terminate, due to inconsiderate and foolish individuals parking in the same fashion.

Another bus driver told me that when he is on that particular school route he has exactly the same problem.

He also alleged that he then had to drive his bus to the Memorial Hall and the schoolchildren had to be escorted on foot to the hall as the bus could not get near the school.

I find this practice of parking without a thought for anyone else is very dangerous and selfish.

Apart from the obvious visible dangers of this kind of obstruction, if there was a serious fire in the High Street, I fear that a large emergency fire tender would also be severely obstructed from attending.

In such an emergency, the Fire Service need every valuable second in which to be able to carry out a rescue.

If the Fire Service is thwarted by such a scandalous display of irresponsible car parking, it could lead to a tragic loss of life.

Barrie V Evans,
(Coordinator, Barry First Group Independents)

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NEW MAN TAKES HELM AT BARRY ROTARY CLUB

ABOVE: Back row (left to right): Phil Hunt (secretary) and Peter Chaffey (treasurer). Front row (left to right) David Ball (past-president); John Shapland (president); and Peter Battle (president-elect).

The Rotary Club of Barry held its formal handover dinner meeting on Thursday, June 28 in the Mount Sorrel Hotel,when outgoing president David Ball handed over the chain of office to John Shapland, the president for 2012/13.

John is extremely well known in Barry and the Vale as the 'Man from Broad Street Garden Centre!'

He is a very popular and enthusiastic Rotarian, who will ensure that during the coming year the club will continue to raise funds in order to support those less fortunate in the local community.

Speaking after the handover, John thanked everyone for attending on such a special night, said that he was looking forward to the year ahead, and outlined some of the club's future events.

The first one will be a 'Pork in the Park Barbecue' at the Welsh Hawking Centre on the evening of Friday, July 13. Admission is strictly by advance purchase of tickets at £8 each (adults) and £5 (children under 12) which includes barbecue and flying display.

Tickets can be purchased from Broad Street Garden Centre or from the Welsh Hawking Centre.

Also taking up their new chains of office were Peter Battle (president elect for 2013/14) and Robin Pitcher (president nominee for 2014/15). Phil Hunt succeeded Carl Kerr as club secretary while Peter Chaffey was reappointed as club treasurer.

In August, the Club will be at the Vale Show in Fonmon supporting Stroke Awareness by offering free blood pressure tests and plans are already in hand for the annual Fireworks Fiesta on November 5 at Barry Island, which will take place come rain or shine!

Rotary has 1.2million members worldwide who form a global network of business, professional and community volunteers.

The Rotary Club of Barry meets weekly in the Mount Sorrel Hotel on Thursdays, 6pm for 6.30pm. For further information, contact Peter Battle on 01446 710204 or look online at www.ribi.org

Allotment open day at Pencoedtre Park

ON June 27. the Communities First People's Allotment Group in Barry opened up its gates and invited the community to see changes made in the past year.

The project at Pencoedtre Park is a shared community space where individuals work on the garden together and groups are offered their own plot to work on.

Volunteers have access to training, site trips and get to share produce when it's ready to be harvested. The project has a small library of books, children's tools and many different seeds!

In the past 12 months, volunteers and groups have worked extremely hard to make big positive changes in the garden following feedback from the community.

They have added a decking and social area with picnic tables, a cob oven, a fruit cage and an orchard.

There are now further plans in the coming months for a pond and wildlife area, poly tunnel and educational area, and a compost toilet on the site.

The open day was a huge success, with all generations coming to enjoy the garden; there were pizzas baked on the cob oven, tile painting for the children to compile a mosaic around the oven base, cupcake decorating, homemade lemonade, sports games, cycling, a treasure hunt, planting and salad making from the garden vegetables.

The project is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Pencoedtre Fields just off Cynan Close. Get in touch with Rachel from Communities First on 01446 732406 for further details.

Barry top of the digital towns...

THE Vale MP, Alun Cairns, has welcomed news that Barry has been crowned Wales' leading digital champion, following the success of Google's Getting Welsh Business Online campaign.

"Google is celebrating the top 10 digital champion towns in Wales that are generating the highest growth in online commerce activity.

"With 22.2 per cent year-on-year online growth, Barry's success shows the town's entrepreneurial spirit, demonstrating that local businesses are making the most of the Internet to market their services to a global audience," he commented.

Bridgend was placed 10th in Google's top 10 list for Wales.

COLCOT PRIMARY CELEBRATES LANDMARK BIRTHDAY IN STYLE

COLCOT Primary School recently celebrated its 60th birthday in style by holding an open air concert.

Children from nursery through to year-6 each took a decade from the 1950s to the present day and, with help from 'Doctor Who', took parents on a journey down memory lane.

There were special appearances from Shakin Stevens, Tom Jones, Bob the Builder, Madness and the Thunderbirds to name but a few.

The weather was particularly kind and all who came to see the performance were able to relax and enjoy the talent of the children, whilst sitting on a picnic blanket or deck chair!

Many of Colcot's past teaching staff, governing body and pupils were able to attend and this made the event even more special.

The children were fantastic and danced, performed and sang like true professionals. All children were involved in the finale song; Gary Barlow's 'Sing'.

A big thank you must go to all who helped with the children's costumes as they looked great on the day.

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Las Vegas comes to town

OVER the last few years, the Barry Dock Cons' Club in Station Street have been holding a poker evening each Thursday with 'The Nuts' poker league.

On June 28, the club put up a cash prize for the players that played eight or more games at the club over the 13 week season (there are four seasons played each year).

After a close run game, third place (£30) was taken by Daniel Gwilliam, in second place (£50) was Michaela Cummins, and the winner, and our first ever champion (£80), was Kirstie Breadmore.

The prize will be put up again for the season which starts today (Thursday July 5).

Anybody wishing to play at the club will be welcome, with help learning to play provided.

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Pupils' photographic display

RIGHT: Three of the expert snappers!

A SMALL group of 10 and 11-year-old pupils have been working hard during after-school photography club at Barry Island Primary School to learn photography techniques.

On Saturday, July 7, they have been invited to exhibit their photographs at Nell's Point Coastal Watch Station between 1pm and 4pm.

The children are hoping to sell their images and, if they make any profit, make a donation to the Watch Station or RNLI.

Supermarket's garden planning bid allowed

MORRISONS supermarket in Barry has been successful in its bid to get planning permission to sell garden products in a facility alongside the main store.

The GEM had reported on a campaign by Broad Street Garden Centre which pointed out that Morrisons had begun trading from its annexe before getting consent from the local authority.

Broad Street Garden Centre managed to collect more than 300 signatures on a petition complaining that it was unfair of the supermarket to set up in competition before going through the right channels, when years before the council had warned them that if they set up without permission they could be closed down.

Local MP Alun Cairns contacted the supermarket chain to complain at their actions and Morrisons did close the annexe while the planning bid and decision were being processed.

Mr Cairns said: "Having contacted senior executives at Morrisons, I was pleased to see that they closed down their operation and made a retrospective planning application for the new facility. This has now been approved.

"It was good to hear that the proprietors at Broad Street Garden Centre were able to maximise their trade during the couple of weeks of fine weather that we experienced in Barry during May."

Mr Cairns said it was important that people valued long-standing family ventures in the town.

"We need to remember that supporting local businesses will usually return more to the local economy," he said.

Tonya Morgan of Broad Street Garden Centre said she was disappointed by the planning committee's decision, but wanted to thank the 350 people who backed their campaign.

Morrisons told The GEM that the decision to open an extra garden facility had been made after customers had told staff they would like to see gardening products at the store.

● *The Waterfront Consortium has announced an Asda store will be built in Barry creating 300 jobs. It should be built by autumn 2013.* ***(More on this next week).***

Westminster welcome for a Barry soldier

VALE MP Alun Cairns recently welcomed home members of the Queen's Dragoon Guards at a special event in Parliament, including a Barry resident who had been serving in Afghanistan.

Barry's Josh Petre meets local MP Alun Cairns at the Queen's Dragoon Guards' welcome home event in Westminster.

Mr Cairns met Josh Petre at the reception, and heard how the Barry serviceman, who attended St Cyres Comprehensive School, had just completed a tour in Afghanistan, as part of 20 Armoured Brigade.

The Brigade were in Parliament as part of a welcome home parade for their recent tour of duty.

1st The Queen's Dragoon Guards is one of only three Welsh regiments, and has strong associations with the Vale. Also known as The Welsh Cavalry, the regiment is regarded as the most senior British frontline force.

Mr Cairns said: "It was a real privilege to meet the 20 Armoured Brigade members on their safe return from an extremely arduous tour. It was fantastic to be introduced to Josh – a local Barry boy!"

Student's poetry in line for prize

A SULLY teenager is celebrating having been announced as one of the finalists in the national art competition, 'Create! Art for Autism' – organised by Beechwood College in Sully to illustrate the creativity, unique ability and artistic flair of young people with autistic spectrum condition (ASC).

More than 550 young artists from up and down the country entered artwork across the four categories: 2D art, 3D art, digital art and poetry.

They impressed the panel of judges, which includes British actress and president of the National Autistic Society, Jane Asher, TV presenter, Gaby Roslin and the principal of Beechwood College, Darren Jackson.

Eighteen year-old Daniel Evans-Jones, a student at Beechwood College itself, has been shortlisted in the poetry category and the winners of all four categories will be announced at an awards ceremony tomorrow (Friday, July 6).

The finalists' artwork will then be rolled out into a national art tour across four major UK cities: Cardiff, Bristol, Birmingham and London.

Stacey event for Cancer Trust

A CHARITY event is taking place at the Windsor Hotel in memory of Stacey Armstrong, on Saturday, July 14.

There will be a barbecue from 2pm onward and from 3pm, there is live music with Rob Barbour, Dave Bartlett and friends. Also, Rockhouse will be performing live from 7pm until late.

There will be raffles and auctions throughout the evening, with prizes to include a signed Wales rugby shirt from this year's Grand Slam team.

All the money raised from the event will be donated to the Teenage Cancer Trust. All age groups are welcome.

Wood thieves

The Vale Council is asking members of the public to stop taking wood that has been felled from Porthkerry Country Park.

A council spokesman said: "There have been recent sightings of people removing wood from the park, which is a site of special scientific interest and nature conservation area.

"The trees were felled due to adverse weather conditions and for woodland management. The wood has been set aside as habitat piles, or reserved for schools, and the park's own consumption in the education lodge."

Country parks and commons manager Steve Latham said: "There are more and more people taking away wood that has been felled, some even bringing chainsaws into the park."

Members of the public are reminded that removing wood without written permission of the council is theft, for which they could be prosecuted.

Barry Ladies Choir marks Jean's jubilee!

PICTURED: Emma Arscot, accompanist; Julia Hopkins, chairperson; Jean Holmes; Jane Hutt, choir president and Alice Jones, musical director.

THE Barry Ladies Choir gathered on Saturday, June 23 to celebrate a very special diamond jubilee – choir member Jean Holmes has been singing with the choir for 60 years!

Fellow members arranged a surprise tea party for Jean at the Millennium Hall, Barry, where current choir members were joined by former members for a nostalgic look back over the last 60 years.

Friends enjoyed looking at photos from over the years along with a display of old uniforms – some remembered with more affection than others!

Richard Havard presented 'This Is Your Choir Life' and fellow choir members Roberta, June, Gill and Audrey shared some humorous anecdotes from the past, including a barge trip to Brecon and choir tours to Rheinfelden and Fecamp.

Julia Hopkins, chairperson, presented Jean with a lifetime membership certificate and the choir's president, Jane Hutt presented flowers.

Sue Williams entertained with two lovely songs and the choir performed Jean's favourite song from its repertoire *'The Lord Bless You and Keep You'*.

An acappella performance of *'Eli Jenkins' Prayer'* brought a fitting end to the proceedings.

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BUTTRILLS CYCLEWAY

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The residents say it should go up the other side of the field nearer Colcot Road.

They claim it is like going from A to B via C and D first.

Mrs Price said Coun Claire Curtis had been helpful since being recently elected and had sought information on the pathway, but added:

"We asked Coun Curtis why the pathway was going up our side of the field and she said a council feasibility study had decided it was the best route, but that is twaddle."

Mr Price claimed: "It will be within a metre of people's gardens at The Pastures and within one metre of the front of the houses at Heathfield Drive."

Council officers have explained that the council had a 'Safe Routes in Communities' grant from the Welsh Government for the construction of the path.

The grant is provided to promote the safety of vulnerable road users and to encourage healthier lifestyles for people in the area near Barry Comprehensive School.

The residents say that in the past people have raced quad bikes on the field and believe the path could become a race track, and gathering point for youngsters near the houses.

Coun Claire Curtis said she understood local residents' frustration at the lack of information about the new path.

"I was immediately contacted when residents saw workman at the playing fields and arranged an emergency meeting with my fellow councillor Anthony Powell and the director in charge of the operation Miles Punter.

"We were advised that the plans had been in place for some time for this cycle path and that the previous Dyfan councillors had been kept fully informed of the project. It is very disappointing that residents had not been kept in the loop.

"The scheme forms part of the travel plan drawn up by Barry Comprehensive School some years ago to encourage pupils to walk or ride their bikes to school.

"While I appreciate that the path may not be in an ideal location for some residents, I have been assured that any problems with the path and any anti-social behaviour issues will be monitored closely."

Coun Curtis said she had also spoken to another concerned party.

"I have also been speaking to the local football league, the main users of the Buttrills playing fields about their concerns that the path is too close to the football pitches.

"The Vale Council officers have again assured me that they will look at the issues and move the pitches if necessary.

"The council is keen to have the path completed before the start of the football season, to avoid any disruption to the fixtures but they also want this to be a facility used and enjoyed by local residents."

'MINIMISE DISRUPTION'

The director of visible services and housing Miles Punter insisted steps had been taken to keep the public informed of what was planned.

"The council placed a public notice in local newspapers on June 21, notifying residents of the construction of the footpath/cycleway.

"Letters were also hand delivered on June 25 to residents immediately affected by the construction works."

He insisted that the plans had been carefully thought through.

"The design avoids any detrimental impact on the existing sports pitches at Buttrills Field.

"The route along the northern and eastern boundaries is considered to have least impact on residents as it runs alongside the adjoining cemetery.

"There are a significantly higher number of properties along Colcot Road, Woodham Park and North Walk that adjoin the western and southern boundary of Buttrills Field.

"The overall distance along either side of the Buttrills Field is approximately the same.

"Where the route passes several residential properties in The Pastures and Heathfield Drive, the design generally endeavours to maintain an offset from property boundaries of some five metres.

"However, this is not achievable where the route approaches the existing footpath adjacent to number 20 Heathfield Drive when the offset reduces to a minimum of two metres to avoid an existing sports pitch.

"The design of the route has incorporated barriers at either end to deter inappropriate use by motorised vehicles.

"Unfortunately, it is impractical to totally exclude motorcycle access whilst retaining suitable and convenient access for disabled persons in wheelchairs and mobility scooters.

"The works have been programmed to be completed outside the football season during July and August to minimise any significant disruption to these sporting activities."

Mr Punter added: "Due to the short time frame to implement its construction outside the football season, the council considers that there is no reason to halt construction works."

Concern over Bryneithin

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

Coun Franks added: "What we want is the site maintained as a social service provision for the elderly and vulnerable. We acknowledge that a plan and investment is needed."

Mr Franks said his purpose in raising the issue was to ensure that Bryneithin, "a hugely successful home for the most vulnerable in society with dedicated staff", had a long term future for people in the Vale.

Coun Stuart Egan, the Vale cabinet member for social care and health (adults), lifelong learning and libraries, said that decision on Bryneithin could not be rushed.

He explained: "The new administration has had a considerable amount of issues to consider and is having to reassess many of the services inherited from the previous administration.

"The council will take a balanced and reasoned decision having considered all of the facts with regard to the future at Bryneithin.

"Decisions this important should not be rushed and all the options about Bryneithin and the services provided will need to be considered properly."

Coun Egan added: "We continue to ensure that the home continues to meet registration standards with regard to staffing levels and maintenance and this will continue to be the case while any residents remain at the home."

LEFT: There was plenty of food on offer at Fonmon recently at the country fayre, including these delicious-looking crepes. Turn to page 15 for more pictures and a full report.

'Last post in Barry WAS most moving'

I READ with dismay last week's letter criticising the recent ceremony on King Square and the dedication of a memorial plaque to the US troops who served in the Barry area during World War Two.

In response to some erroneous comments by the writer, may I make the following points?

First of all, 'The Last Post' was played by trumpeter Richard Hopkin and my comment was based on his superb playing, regardless of the occasion.

He was performing it in public for the first time and it was the most moving rendition I have ever heard.

Many of those present at the ceremony said exactly the same thing.

In addition, Mr David Simpson is, I am sure, well aware of my work over recent years in commemorating those local men and women who served their country in both world wars.

I planned the format of the ceremony on King Square on June 15 with representatives of the groups who attended, including Mr Jim Greenway, the chair of the Merchant Navy Association Barry branch, whose members paraded at the ceremony with their standard; and attended the Saturday night function in one of the on-site marquees at Hood Road.

They commented most favourably to me on the occasion. I wonder what they make of his remarks?

The Merchant Navy have their memorial, and a fine and worthy one it is; but this event was about commemorating those who had no memorial in the town and was arranged with the full co-operation of the Vale of Glamorgan and Barry Town councils.

They felt it was appropriate to recognise the debt we owe to the American servicemen and women who left such a mark on our community.

Dr Jonathan Hicks, Barry.

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Good news for Barry Hospital – *and our health and social services*

WHEN I met with the new chair of Cardiff and Vale University Health Board, Maria Battle, last week, I discussed the need for the minor injuries unit at Barry Hospital to be available throughout the day.

This has been such an important local service for local people and I was delighted with the news that the Health Board plan to return to the original hours of opening to provide a service across the whole day.

I was told that they hope to commence this in August after the recruitment of additional staff to support the minor injuries unit. I look forward to visiting the unit in August when it is fully functioning again and reporting this to The GEM.

The University Health Board is also trialling a new 'Phone First' scheme which will help to signpost people to the most appropriate place. I look forward to hearing more about this as more information is provided.

In a statement to the Assembly two weeks ago I announced £7.5m investment to improve our health services in Wales, under a new 'Invest-to-Save programme', including a scheme in Cardiff and the Vale called the Wyn Campaign 'Regaining and Retaining Independence.'

This scheme is one of three led by local health boards in Wales which involve the Health Service, local government and third (voluntary) sector. They all seek to address the need to provide high quality services to elderly and frail people in our communities; supporting them to live independently in their own homes.

ASSEMBLY NOTES

by Vale AM
JANE HUTT
(Minister for Finance and Leader of the House)

They are all learning from the experience gained from a scheme similarly funded called 'Happily Independent' in Gwent. This brought together all the local authorities in the Gwent area with the Aneurin Bevan Health Board and they have been piloting new ways in which we can support services for our elderly and frail citizens.

Through Invest-to-Save, we are providing this pump-priming money to help our public services introduce new ways of working, learning from schemes already underway across Wales and encouraging all sectors to work together.

The repayable nature of Invest-to-Save is a successful approach helping get the schemes off the ground and providing re-cycled funds for further investment.

For the elderly and frail, as well as their carers, it is equally important that we invest in our social services as well as the NHS. These were strong messages during Carers Week recently.

The Deputy Minister for Social Services, Gwenda Thomas AM, is introducing a new Social Services Bill, and she is now considering the outcome of consultation on the draft Bill undertaken over the past three months.

Our commitment to investing in social services was reflected in our Budget this year and over the period 2011-12 to 2013-14, we are committed to increasing funding at 1 per cent better than the uplift to the Block Grant we receive from Westminster to Wales.

To achieve this, the Welsh Government has allocated an additional £35 million over this period, for social services. The latest statistics for 2012-13 are encouraging. They show that spending on social services for this year is budgeted by local authorities to increase by 4 %.

This demonstrates our commitment to working together in Wales, across health and social services, to invest in the services that are so important in a caring society.

WARNING! 'Beware this computer scam'

FOLLOWING a police warning in The GEM last week (June 28) about a computer scam currently in circulation, one lady has spoken out about her own experience as a further warning to others.

Lorna Sanders, mother of GEM reporter Leigh, was caught out by one of the scammers, pretending to be from a computer protection company, warning her of "problems" with her laptop that they could fix for a fee up front.

After taking her bank and login details, they accessed her computer remotely and told her that they were solving the issues, "demonstrating" to her programs that had "malfunctioned" while she watched.

She told The GEM: "They were using jargon that to me was confusing. They were showing me internet systems that they were saying were faulty. It seemed very real to me, very plausible.

"I felt really unsettled afterwards. I didn't really know what I had committed to. I spoke to several people from the so-called company and when I looked back at my notes I remembered they had spoken of computer 'infections' rather than 'viruses', which sounded out of place to me.

"I spoke to my daughter, who checked the company out and that's when I rang the bank and asked them to cancel my credit card.

"These people are working on catching you by surprise and I think they are sounding so assertive. If people get a similar call, either ignore them, or just say '*if there are problems with my computer, I'll get it checked at my end*'.

"I don't expect there's any chance of getting my money back. I think it was just their professional approach that caught me.

"They were able to show me a list of 'applications' on my computer which were 'infected' and they were quite persistent."

Last week's report highlighted the local police force's message to be vigilant against such calls, and last year, The GEM highlighted a case in St Athan where a woman was caught out by a similar scam.

Airport task force has first meeting

THE first meeting of a group aiming to improve Cardiff Airport, has ended with a positive statement from Carwyn Jones, the First Minister.

The Cardiff Airport Task Force has been put together to examine the competitive position of the airport, and brings together the site's owners, the Welsh Government and business leaders.

The First Minister personally chaired the meeting which included representatives from Cardiff Airport, St Athan Enterprise Zone British Airways Maintenance, CBI Wales, the South Wales Chamber of Commerce, Trade Unions, the Vale of Glamorgan County Council and the Welsh Local Government Association.

Speaking after the meeting, Carwyn Jones AM, said: "Wales, as a confident European nation, needs a national airport we can all be proud of.

"I have established this new task force for one clear reason – to make sure Cardiff Airport grows and thrives.

"I want Cardiff Airport to realise its true potential as a modern, well-connected success at the heart of our national infrastructure.

"The airport is the gateway to our country and I want it to provide a fitting welcome to Wales, and play a key part in our economic growth.

"For Cardiff Airport to be all it can be, the Welsh Government, the owners and all those with an interest, need to work together. Today's meeting is the first step in this process.

"We held constructive talks, explored our mutual interests and agreed on some joint actions before the next meeting.

"While, ultimately the day-to-day operation of Cardiff Airport is the responsibility of Abertis, I want this task force to bring about real, positive change for the airport that benefits everyone."

AM's SURGERY

VALE AM, Jane Hutt, will be holding a surgery tomorrow (Friday, July 6) at St Bride's Major Church Hall from 4-5pm, and at Wick Village Hall from 5.30pm - 6pm.

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Cowbridge and District Bridge

VALE of Glamorgan Bridge Club, club night June 25 (18 pairs):

First, Debbie Richards and Simon Richards, 66.07 per cent; second, Mary Moore and Diana Jones 63.39; third, Mike Best and Kevin Maddox 59.23; fourth=, Barbara Easterbrook and Margaret Bancroft 53.27; fourth=, Barrie Waite and Graham Norris 53.27; sixth, Ray Smith and Gwynne Maddox 52.08.

Cowbridge and District Bridge Club, club night June 26, (13 pairs):

First, Marian East and Rita Williams 68.00 per cent; second, Barbara and Colin Easterbrook 59.50; third, Teri Pollard and Anne Hughes 55.50; fourth, Ann Miller and Jo Ilesley 55.00; fifth, Mary Wallis and Myrtle Hansard 53.50; sixth, Pam Higgs and Joyce Birmingham 52.73. **BS**

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Penarth and District Ramblers on a stroll through Dinas Powys

THE day was undecided weatherwise but, fortunately, the sun came out and shone for the whole of the recent summer evening walk in Dinas Powys, which was led by Val Hartrey.

Six walkers joined their leader at Eastbrook railway station and made their way uphill to where there were great views towards lower Penarth and crossing several stiles near Holms Farm, emerged onto the busy and fast Pen-y-turnpike Road before they entered woodland.

Casehill Wood and meadow, along with Cwm George, was acquired by the Woodland Trust with the support of the community and Pen-y-turnpike Wood was planted in 1999 on grassland which they turned into a plantation of young native species that has now matured into woodland.

The group circumnavigated grassy paths around the wood and descended a wet slippery track to Casehill Meadow, where there were glorious views to Michaelston-le-Pit and Park Wood.

Passing the area created in 2001, when 12 members of the Welsh Assembly planted a grove of sapling trees on the bank of Casehill Meadow, the group descended to cross the wooden footbridge over the Cadoxton River.

This river was once part of a huge mill leet that provided the power to drive the mill wheel back in 1426, and the river was diverted into the leet through a weir and sluice gate which is still visible near the ford.

Following the track through the Millfield, the group crossed the stone bridge over the river and emerged at the bottom of Pen-y-Turnpike Road to return to Cardiff Road near Dinas Powys School for the short stretch back to Eastbrook after a delightful evening stroll.

On July 7, meet at 9am at Cogan Leisure Centre for an 11-mile hard walk at Partrishow; contact Barrie on 02920 530753.

On July 8, you can join a 7.5-mile moderate walk at Bridgend taking in Hirwaun Common, which had lovely views and little climbing. Please contact Barbara on 01446 794313 for details of the start point and time.

Membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 02920 255102.

WHAT'S ON/*in brief*

Penarth fair

ON Saturday, July 7, there will be a summer fair in the Paget Rooms,Penarth, to raise funds for Cancer Research UK.

Doors open at 10.15am and admission is 50p, which includes a cup of tea/coffee and biscuits. There will be cakes, preserves, plants, tombola, white elephant, greetings cards and a raffle.

Open day

ST PETER'S Church at Old Cogan opens its doors to visitors on July 7 from 2pm-5pm, as part of this year's Penarth Holiday Festival.

There will be music, food and a chance to browse through the various stalls for a bargain.

As a special Jubilee event, there will be a Jubilee scarecrow competition and entries should be at the church by 2pm on the open day.

NEWS FROM THE PENARTH AVIATION SOCIETY

The perils of a royal fly-past

GROUP Captain Ron Powell will be speaking to members of the Penarth Aviation Society about his 32 adventurous years with the RAF on Friday, July 6.

Starting in Lincoln and finishing in Tokyo, he did 27 different jobs during this time, one of which took in the nail-biting task of supervising the RAF flypast on the occasion of the Queen Mother's 90th birthday celebrations.

He was very keyed-up and alert as he stood behind the Queen Mother watching the military parade with all its music and colour, because exactly as the Royal Artillery began marching down the Horseguard's Parade drawing cannon for the salutes, three groups of aircraft were to fly over in close formation.

Getting the aircraft there, timed to the second, was Ron's job.

The precision of the flypast always impresses onlookers, but they would be even more impressed if they knew what was involved.

On this occasion, it had three elements: first, representing the Royal Navy, a Swordfish which is relatively slow-flying, accompanied by Army helicopters.

Second, representing the RAF, came a Lancaster bomber, Spitfire and Hurricane.

Third, nine Hawker fighters from Valley.

Each group flew at different speeds and was holding off in airspace at different distances.

Each was awaiting the signal from Ron, while Ron was keenly watching the ground parades with a mobile telephone at the ready and radio back-up in case of a glitch.

Exactly 15 minutes after he started calling them in, the aeroplanes were flying in tight formation over the parade.

But there had been a glitch, which Ron will describe in his talk.

This is the second in a series of three talks about his varied and lively years with the RAF, and visitors are welcome.

Penarth Aviation Society meets at the Penarth Conservative Club on the first Friday of each month at 7.45pm for 8pm.

Further information from David Ephraim on 01446 721321.

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Penarth Computer Club asks:

WAS NORMAN L DEAN RIGHT?

I CONFESS to being a science fiction fan in my youth – I took a monthly magazine, *Astounding Science Fact and Fiction*, edited by John W Campbell; a giant character in the genre and much respected as an editor.

He took his job and his science seriously, and was known for rejecting sub-standard stories, sometimes because the science was unacceptable, even if it was fictional.

About that time I was enjoying physics in school and was perfectly well aware that there was no such thing as a perpetual motion machine. Or so it was thought.

John Campbell witnessed a demonstration of a machine devised by Norman L Dean that was claimed to produce a force without a balancing instantaneous reaction force. The Dean Drive, as it was called, would be put on a scale, and when it was switched on the scales would show a loss of weight.

Campbell was convinced that something was happening, but a lifetime of experience (not to mention Newton's Laws) made everyone sceptical. However, the potential pay-off was so vast that several bodies wanted to investigate further.

Dean claimed he was terrified that someone would steal his idea and was prepared to demonstrate his drive only after the money had been put up and wanted to be promised a Nobel Prize.

He was no crank. He had already invented a guidance system that had had been appropriated by the US government for use in submarines and ballistic missiles. Its value has been likened to that of Harrison's Chronometer that solved the problem of Longitude.

Satisfactory investigations never took place. Ever since Dean's death, scientists have tried to prove his device will work or prove it will not work.

Naturally, as the device contradicts the laws of physics as we know them, any test results are easier to accept when they say it does not work. The interesting thing is there are some scientists who say they can't prove that it doesn't!

Dean had the same problem as Alan Turing. In the 1940s, scientific developments were made in great wartime secrecy, so the public were as unaware of his drive as they were of computers.

What if Dean was right about his reaction-less thrust? His device means that a rocket would not need the fuel to spit out the fire to produce the trust that drives the rocket. Space travel would be transformed. It cannot possibly happen, can it?

Sixty years ago we wouldn't have thought it possible to carry around 10,000 books in a Kindle; talk to someone in Australia; watch a film on a hand-held screen or listen to a selection of thousands of tunes as we walk along.

Arthur C Clarke said: "Any sufficiently advanced science is indistinguishable from magic." And we know he's right.

The club is holding an open evening on Tuesday July 10 at All Saints Lesser Hall, Victoria Square, Penarth, at 7.45pm.

All are welcome to meet the members and ask about computers and the club. ***Howard Desmond***

VALE MP's VIEWPOINT

Healthcare across the UK: *a comparison*

THE state of our healthcare is a cause for concern. The National Audit Office last week published a report highlighting key trends and variations in the delivery of healthcare across the four nations of the UK.

Despite the shared history and similarities between the four nations, there are considerable variations in areas such as health outcomes, spending, staffing and quality.

Life expectancy varies significantly across the UK – from 77.6 in Wales to 78.6 in England for men, and from 81.8 in Wales to 82.6 in England for women. Spending on health services in the UK more than doubled in cash terms in the last decade.

In line with the rise in spending, the number of NHS staff has increased over the last decade. Scotland has the most GPs per person (80 per 100,000 people in 2009 compared with 65 per 100,000 in Wales).

In 2008-09, average hospital lengths of stay varied from 4.3 days in England to 6.3 days in Wales.

GEM readers will know that I am a strong supporter of the Health and Social Care Bill. I believe it will bring about fresh innovation and new approaches to healthcare that have the opportunity to drive efficiency and value for money in what is the UK's most treasured public service.

Coming from Wales, however, we won't benefit from such changes. Labour's criticisms throughout every part of the parliamentary scrutiny didn't offer their model in Wales as an example of their policy outcomes: cuts in NHS spending, longer waiting times and poor mortality rates.

Vale MP Alun Cairns reports to GEM readers

Waiting targets also differ. In England, the target is 18 weeks from GP referral to treatment. In Wales, the target is 26 weeks from GP referral to initial consultation.

If the target is not met in England, provision in the private sector, for immediate treatment, is a possibility.

This is not an option in Wales. Patients simply have to wait, and they do.

The National Audit Report states that only 91.4 per cent of patients achieve GP referral within the Wales target of 26 weeks. In England, 97.3 per cent receive first outpatient appointment or diagnostic service within their 18 week target.

The UK government is to grow its health spend in real terms over this parliamentary period whereas the administration in Cardiff Bay plans to cut Welsh NHS by more than half a billion pounds in real terms over the next three years.

Other figures released via a FOI request, show that more than ten thousand people spent over 12 hours in accident and emergency departments last year, and over 700 spent more than 24 hours there. Similar figures are reported for 2010.

These waiting times in A and E are just unacceptable.

With planned cuts in the number of 24/7 A and E departments in the future – personally endorsed by the First Minister – this bleak situation is only set to get worse.

These figures and report follow hot on the heels of a recent call for an inquiry into whether the ministerial code has been breached by the Health Minister in her handling and communication of NHS finances in Wales.

While the Minister has publicly addressed her decision to allow three other health boards to draw down on this year's budget (a collective total of £12 million), no similar reference has been made to the additional £12m somehow made available to Cardiff and Vale. This lack of NHS transparency is misleading at best.

Labour's record-breaking cuts to the health budget have left our NHS reeling in Wales. It's time to reverse that policy and invest in patient care.

Music in the Vale 2012

THE 2012 Music in the Vale competition will be holding competitions on the following dates at Cowbridge Comprehensive School:

Singers: Saturday, November 24, and **instrumentalists**: Sunday, November 25. Closing date for applications: Monday, November 5.

Download your application forms from: *www.musicinthevale.org.uk/Competition.html*.

There are no grade restrictions, and successful entrants will receive auditions with professional written adjudications, plus an evening concert for the finalists, and performance opportunities throughout the year at venues including the Wales Millennium Centre.

Age categories (as at September 1, 2012) are:

Instrumentalists: juniors, eight-11 years, intermediate, 12-16 years, senior, 17-21 years.

Instrumental ensembles: eight-12 years (in groups of two-eight).

Singers: juniors, eight-13 years, intermediate14-17 years, senior, 18-24 years.

Vocal ensembles: eight-24 years (in groups of two-12).

For more information, visit: www.musicinthevale.org.uk.

Barry's new giant deckchair ready for a sizzling summer!

A GIANT deckchair has been created on the promenade at Barry Island in anticipation of a big summer for the seaside resort.

Barry Island trader Pat Collins has had the 15-foot-high deckchair built to mark the fact that his family, who have been involved with the resort for more than 80 years, recently took over the beach deckchair service.

Mr Collins said: "We are all looking forward to a fantastic summer ahead at Barry Island. This colourful giant deckchair sums up the fun, positive spirit we have here and the reaction from visitors to the deckchair has been overwhelming, with it becoming a real talking point."

Mr Collins, who also operates a series of promenade amusements and the Smuggler's Cove Crazy Golf, added: "We always hope for a sunny summer season, but whatever the weather, you can never dampen people's spirits at Barry Island."

Adding to the fun this summer, will be a packed programme of free entertainment taking place along the promenade and seafront every weekend during the summer school holidays.

Organised by the Vale Council's tourism team, the events will kick-off with a spectacular 'Street Dance Weekender' on July 21-22.

ABOVE
Among the first to enjoy sitting on the giant deckchair at Barry Island were Andrew and Hazel Brindley, from Caerphilly, who were taking their 18-month-old twins Ethan and Dexter to the resort for the first time.

PACT meetings

COWBRIDGE PACT *meeting on Monday, July 9 at the Fire Station, Drids Green at 7pm.*

LLANTWIT PACT *meeing on tuesday, July 10 at Llantwit Leisure Centre at 7pm.*

ST BRIDES MAJOR PACT *surgery on Wednesday, July 11 at Ogmore-by-Sea Lifeguard Hut at 7pm.*

WENVOE PACT *meeting on Wednesday, July 11 at Wenvoe Community Hall at 7pm.*

CRAIG PENNLYN *coffee and chat meeting on Wednesday, July 18 at the Red Fox public house at 11am.*

Vale becomes a Heart County

LEFT: Vale Mayor, Coun Eric Hacker, signs the pledge that makes the Vale a 'Heart County'.

THE Vale Council has become the fifth area in Wales to sign up as a British Heart Foundation (BHF) 'Heart County'.

Coun Eric Hacker, Mayor of the Vale, signed the pledge to be Wales' latest community to join the British Heart Foundation initiative and support lifesaving research.

Pupils from Cadoxton Primary School and St Helen's Junior School in Barry performed at the event and then posed with council and Cardiff and Vale University Health Board staff to publicise the pledge signing.

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As the school year ends, Stagecoach Theatre Arts look back with great satisfaction at another fantastic year.

More than 300 children, aged 3 to 18 years attend Stagecoach in Cowbridge or Bridgend each week. The fact that so many return, year after year, reflects the enjoyment they get, and skills they learn in drama, dance and singing.

Not just performance skills from specialist teachers, but skills for life. Also, because Stagecoach is the largest network of performing arts schools in the world, it is well respected as part of a child's CV. Add to that, presentations, awards, written reports, subscription to 'Young Performer' magazine, inspections and a safe environment. Plus, extra opportunities to take *LAMDA* acting and speech awards, group *Performance Arts Awards*, and professional work through the Stagecoach Agency. And there is no doubt why Stagecoach has gone from strength to strength for nearly 25 years!

LOCAL CAUSES COLLECT £4,000 WAITROSE CHEQUES

The local representatives gather to receive their cheques from Waitrose.

WAITROSE Barry recently welcomed representatives from 12 local good causes to a cheque presentation evening, where a total of £4,000 was donated.

Each month, three local causes are supported by the branch, with £1,000 being shared between them.

Spokeswoman Vicky Barree reported: "The evening was hosted by Partners Howard Pearson and Vicky Barree. Not only was this a chance for the branch to present each good cause with its cheque, but it was also an opportunity for the representatives to meet and to learn about the other groups that had taken part in the scheme."

The following cheques were presented: *VCVS £330; 372 Air Cadets Squadron £320; Tuesday Youth Project £350; National Coastwatch Institution £410; Flat Holm Society £280; Llantwit Major Surf Lifesaving Club £310; Colcot Darby & Joan Club £350; Barry Rugby Club Minis & Juniors £370; 10th Barry Girl Guides £280; Barry Blind Club £580; Cruse Bereavement £240; Barry Children's Hockey Club £180.*

Also presented with a cheque that evening were representatives from All Saints Primary School Barry who had taken part in the annual 'Music Matters' scheme that runs nationally across the partnership.

From all the hundreds of nominations received, the school successfully secured a bid of £2,000, which will be used to fund various music projects.

Canolfan Porthceri boosts art festival

CANOLFAN Porthceri Centre is presenting a range of events during Barry Arts Festival – with something to tickle everyone's artistic tastebuds – but during the first weekend, the accent is definitely on music.

After Taran's opening gig at The Ship on Friday, July 27, the festival continues on Saturday, July 28 with blues guitarist Del Rey.

Del will be giving a talk with practical demonstration on 'Women in American Music' at 2pm in Windsor Road United Reformed Church.

This will follow the development of classic blues to swing and rocking hillbillies, highlighting women musicians from 1900 to 1960.

Later that evening at the West End Club, Del Rey will dazzle with her mastery of the Resophonic guitar.

The following day, Sunday, July 29, top UK choral conductor Jeff Howard will lead a choral workshop in Windsor Road URC.

Jeff frequently provides arrangements for the BBC National Orchestra and Chorus of Wales, Songs of Praise, S4C and various solo artists.

He has been accompanist, singer and arranger for Only Men Aloud!, and regularly works with artists such as Katherine Jenkins, Hayley Westenra, Michael Ball and John Owen Jones.

Singers will gather at 1pm to learn pieces chosen by Jeff and at 5pm, the public will get the chance to hear the scratch choir perform in an hour-long concert.

Canolfan Porthceri Centre is grateful for the sponsorship of Newydd Housing for this event. The festival is also being funded by Arts Council Wales and the Vale Council.

If you would rather listen than sing there will also be a friendship concert on July 29 at the Knap.

Art 4 U is organising the event as part of the festival "fringe", so go to: *www.art4uwales.org.uk* for more details.

The day runs from 2pm until 8pm and will have a rolling programme of performers.

Go to: www.porthceri.co.uk for a taste of Del Rey and Jelly Roll Jones and to buy tickets online. Tickets are also available from: Barry Eye Centre, 87 Holton Road (01446) 745606; Gifted, 4 High Street (01446) 721339 and JPL Sound, 267 Holton Road (01446) 722711.

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Ty Hafan winners

THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan Crackerjackpot lottery draw number D729.

- **£2,000:** 154820.
- **The rollover, which now stands at £2,000, was not won this week.**
- **£10:** 2 4 2 4 9 6 , 288732, 523710, 380591, 794412, 700326, 797582, 817482, 716898, 887510, 125784, 632367, 564818, 500116, 208500, 175512, 526243, 949125, 692892, 733508.
- **£5:** 265679, 629303, 606481, 714752, 444718, 762846, 121984, 250513, 408754, 441071, 144243, 772583, 831974, 467671, 766025, 561150, 407584, 483229, 648428, 821937, 872116, 134198, 467726, 248150, 541679, 701743, 369342, 656969, 386408, 554950, 820780, 334402, 663176, 585635, 584897, 602944, 847719, 787684, 811801, 208761, 591605, 427793, 116008, 891312, 578902, 138896, 166343, 879124, 612252, 308818, 355655, 877537, 968960, 454143, 635173, 570844, 298790, 201938, 740251, 615143.

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Ty Hafan 'dads' complete their charity challenge

PICTURED (left to right) are: Ty Hafan Care workers Dan Notley and Paul Fisher, with dads Sean Ward, Anthony Boggis, Andrew Davies and captain Hywel Tyler.

WITH three mountain peaks to climb in 15 hours, it was fortunate that the unseasonable summer weather more or less held off, allowing the 80 teams taking part in the 'GE Aviation Wales 3Peaks' event to accomplish their tough challenge.

Among those taking part were Sean Ward, Andrew Davies, Anthony Boggis and team captain Hywel Tyler, who all share the experience of spending time, with their families at Ty Hafan, with their life-limited child.

Having managed to get in one or two training sessions in the weeks leading up to the event, they travelled to Snowdon the day before to be ready to start the first climb up Snowdon at 4am on Saturday, June 23.

Two care workers from Ty Hafan, Paul Fisher and Dan Notley completed the team as drivers and catering managers.

Paul Fisher said: "The guys had a really good couple of days. There was a tremendous team spirit but I think it was especially beneficial for the dads to be part of the event as a team.

"They all share a strong common bond and are able to talk about their particular experiences in caring for their life-limited children with each other, which is hugely ben"

Since first being held in 2000, the GE Aviation Wales sponsored event has raised well over £1 million pounds to help Ty Hafan provide care and support."

Black hounds and winged serpents in the park...

THE old village of Porthkerry is situated on the western side of Barry, in the Vale of Glamorgan, and dates back to medieval times when Celtic tribes dwelt in the area.

These people were often terrorised by pillaging Vikings who would raid the coastline. Cwmcidi, originally a medieval village in existence before the 13th Century, spanned 280 acres of land, which contained a parish church.

In 1622, Cwmcidi was known to contain five houses and a small dwelling site. But these had virtually disappeared by the 1840s when the Romilly family (landowners of the community since 1412) cleared the area to create Porthkerry Park, which has been used by humans for centuries.

They constructed a farm and cottages which housed employees such as foresters, stablehands, workers at the sawmill and meat leats by bleeding the woods and fields dry.

The sawmill at Cwmcidi was built around 1835 by the Romilly family estate business with its first employee, Joseph Williams (a carpenter by trade) working the mill and its waterwheel until his death in 1880.

Another gentleman named Joseph Williams then took over the business and created a blacksmith and wheelwright shop. He was succeeded by his son George, who was the last person to man the mill until the 1920s.

The mill ceased trade from that point and it is reported that the abandoned building was used as a local scout headquarters, before being left to the elements. It was saved from deterioration in 1990.

In 1588, a gentleman called Owen Williams purchased land below Barry Hill, where he constructed a dwelling. One notable abode was named Cliffwood Cottage, which was built in 1583, housing its most famous occupant Ann Jenkin, who was eventually convicted of practicing witchcraft.

Another landmark which towers above the landscape of Porthkerry is the spectacular viaduct. It opened as a railway link to Barry on December 1, 1897.

But disaster had already occurred in 1896 when one the 13 archways slipped, resulting in the line being closed on an immediate basis. During the time of its closure, this stone structure was found to have unstable foundations and other faults, so during its time of repair, a loop line was created about 2½ miles in a northerly direction.

On January 8, 1900, the railway line opened to carry goods trains, and on January 9, steam trains were permitted to carry passengers.

The park today is known for its golden stairs, which acquired its name from the rumoured golden coins buried beneath it during construction. This, and Cliffwood (a lowland wood on limestone rock) were designated an SSSI (Site of Special Scientific Interest) in 1962 and 1983.

The fable of a man and his servant travelling to visit a local witch to purchase a love potion has been deliberated for centuries. As they refused to hand over payment for the remedy, a curse was thrust upon them and they were never seen again.

In their place two mysterious trees appeared, one tall and straight, the other shaped in a crooked way. Could Ann Jenkin from Cliffwood Cottage be the witch in question, who cast her spell over victims eager to test her magical remedy, or just a myth passed down through time surrounded by mystery?

A tale of intrigue involves the woodland where large black hounds with red piercing eyes accompanied by riders on horseback have been seen prowling the area at the dead of night, only to disappear in an instant.

Why would fearsome creatures from a distant era want to roam this vicinity intent on terrifying people from the present?

Legend maintains that winged serpents with jewel-laden wings hover around the area of the park, and if witnessed, are considered to bring good fortune to bystanders in the form of money or valuables.

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Young cyclists see view from the lorry driver's cab

One of the young cyclists gets a big road safety lesson at Aberthaw.

THIS year, for its annual health and safety day, Lafarge Cement's Aberthaw Works joined forces with nearby Rhws Primary School, to educate pupils about cycle safety and lorry awareness.

The younger pupils' playground was transformed for the day by the presence of a large 44-tonne bulk cement vehicle.

Driver Paul Chinn, dispatch controller Glyn Davies, and the company's national logistics manager Clare Bottle, presented different aspects of lorry and cycle safety to a total of 90 year-5 and 6 pupils.

All the children had an opportunity to climb into the lorry cab to find out what it's like for a driver. They were told about the range of safety equipment the drivers have access to including mirrors, cameras and sensors, which are particularly important in improving visibility of other vehicles and cycles.

They were also shown the best position for a cyclist to adopt in relation to a large vehicle.

Aberthaw Works manager James Kirkpatrick said: "June is Lafarge's health and safety month. Every year, Lafarge sites around the world hold special safety focused activities to reinforce the team's focus on strong safety performance.

"This year, we wanted to also build on our links with the local community and support a campaign being run by our trade body, the Mineral Products Association. Its National Cycle Safe Campaign aims to raise driver and cyclist awareness of how to avoid accidents on the roads throughout the UK.

Whilst few of these pupils are out cycling on the roads yet, this was a good opportunity to educate them early on how to cycle safely and think about how best to be seen.

"During the day, we also talked to them about the high visibility clothes and safety equipment we wear at Lafarge, in particular the drivers' uniform which is tailored for maximum safety for them.

"We hope that this message will also encourage the children to ensure they are easy to be seen when they take their bikes out.

"We gave each of the children a high visibility drawstring kit bag."

Farm's open day a success

FOR ***the fourth year in a row, Slade Farm Organics opened their gates to the public, giving Bridgend and the Vale the chance to get up close and personal with farming.***

Piglet racing was one of the most popular events but the shearing demo, dancing dogs and donkeys also drew drew in the crowds.

There was a blacksmith demonstration for the first time, entertaining the queues for the ever-popular tractor rides.

Local AM Jane Hutt and MP Alun Cairns came along to show their support.

Farmer Peter Davies said: "We had a fantastic day, a big thank you to everyone who came."

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Out and About with The GEM

TOWN MAYOR'S WALK FOR LOCAL CHARITIES

L S Property Improvements & Lettings will be helping Barry Mayor Coun Les Sword collect for his charities on the day.

THE Mayor of Barry, Coun Les Sword, will be raising funds for his nominated charities, Ty Hafan and Teenage Cancer Trust Unit Wales, at an 11.9-mile sponsored walk from Llantwit Major to Barry on Saturday, July 28 at 9am.

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Storytelling festival is a worldwide draw!

THE Vale AM Jane Hutt joined the Mayor of the Vale, Coun Eric Hacker, and his wife, Heather, at the opening of the International Storytelling Festival on Friday, June 28 in St Donat's Arts Centre. It attracted visitors from all over the world and more than 1,500 people bought tickets in advance.

All speed ahead for the Cardiff toy and train sale

THE popular Cardiff event is next taking place at Penarth Leisure Centre this (Saturday, July 7) between 10.30am and 3pm.

The show was established as recently as January 2011, but has rapidly become established as a top toy and train event in Wales.

Traders come from all over the country and most parts of England as well.The show is known for the large and varied number of stall holders present.

Organiser Chris Dyer said this week: "Our Cardiff show is greatly looked forward to by both the trade and public alike.

"The venue is large and spacious and has a wonderful atmosphere, but also has superb transport links.

"Few, if any, other venues can boast a railway station virtually next door (Cogan Station) and there are also frequent buses to the area.

"Free car parking is also offered and we have the added bonus of a top caterer attending and operating an excellent and good value for money cafe within the show."

This will be the last but one show at Penarth Leisure Centre this year, with the final event scheduled for Saturday, October 13, but the same organiser has sister shows in the area at Barry Island Station on Sunday, August 5 and Barry Leisure Centre on Sunday, September 30 and December 2.

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Valeways walks

Sunday, July 8, 7pm, All Wales coastal path, Lavernock extended walk; start at Penarth Cliff Top car park.

Tuesday, July 10 at 1.30pm-3.30pm, Goldsland path to St Lythan's cairn extended walk. Start at Wenvoe Arms car park, Wenvoe.

Wednesday, July 11 at 1.45pm, coffee shop strollers.

Start at Cosmeston Country Park outside the visitor centre.

Llanfair School Centenary

ON Saturday July 7, Llanfair Primary School, St Mary Church, celebrates its centenary.

Join in the celebrations from 2pm with afternoon tea, pony rides, cakes, tombola, tug-o-war, games, plants and many other activities and stalls. All welcome!

Street surgery

COURT ward Independent councillors Richard and Robert are conducting a street surgery this Saturday, July 7, in the Court Road area between 10am-12 noon.

Plaid advice

AN advice surgery for residents will be held by Plaid Cymru Buttrills ward candidate, Dr Ian Johnson, and the Plaid Cymru team at the County Library, Kings Square, Barry, from 11am-12 noon on Saturday, July 7.

No appointments necessary.

Service change

ON Sunday July 8, there will be no 10am service at All Saints Church, Victoria Square, Penarth.

Instead, All Saints will be participating in morning worship at the Big God Tent on the clifftop at 10.30am. Transport available from All Saints from 10am.

Fibromyalgia support

THE next meeting of the Vale of Glamorgan Fibromyalgia Support Group is on Tuesday, July 10 between 11am and 1pm. Telephone Gaynor Davies for more details on 01446 733315.

Table tennis

VALE of Glamorgan Table Tennis Academy is closed until Wednesday, July 11 from 6pm for the summer holiday.

School reunion

THE Cowbridge School 40th reunion takes place at Bar 44 on Saturday, July 28 for starters in 1983.

Pet walk for hospice

PENARTH and district fundraising group for Marie Curie is organising a pet walk with a difference.

Do your favourite walk with your pet, anywhere, anytime and any distance in the week beginning August 4.

There is no registration fee, just ask family and friends to sponsor you.

All money raised will go towards patient care at the hospice in Penarth.

For further information and registration, contact Mary Evans on 02920 700040; Nerys Thomas on 02921 157743, or e-mail nerysltthomas@tiscali.co.uk.

Going walkies for Ty Hafan!

NINE-year-old Jack Russell, Lotti, and her owner Sarah Pierce, from Llanblethian, have signed up for the Ty Hafan 'Hounds for Pounds' sponsored dog walk on Sunday, August 5 in Margam Country Park.

"We are really looking forward to taking part," said Sarah.

"It will be wonderful having so many different dogs all together and being able to chat to all their owners.

As dog lovers we all have a bit of a soft spot for our pets and it will be great fun to join in with the sponsored walk and competitions.

"Lotti has already been quite successful in getting her sponsorship together – it's a really novel way of supporting a charity which does such great work for some families across Wales who so need the support from Ty Hafan."

Entry is £5 per adult, all children under 16 go free and each entrant is asked to raise £30 minimum in sponsorship. Register at: www.tyhafan.org/hounds, or contact 02920 672060.

The entry fee includes your parking at Margam Country Park and a special treat for all dogs.

Cymdeithas gigs at Eisteddfod

TICKETS for Cymdeithas yr Iaith Gymraeg's gigs at the National Eisteddfod in Llandow have gone on sale, with organisers saying they have combined the best line-up with the cheapest place to stay.

In partnership with Llantwit Major Rugby Club, the group have ensured Eisteddfod-goers will be able to stay in a tent for £6 a night with a 10 per cent off drinks deal for those who camp.

The group's line-up of gigs includes some of the best artists in Wales such as Jess, Yr Ods, Y Bandana, Mr Huw, Meic Stevens, Huw M, Steve Eaves and Lleuwen Staffan, as well as an evening with Tudur Owen (with special guests) to celebrate Cymdeithas' 50th anniversary.

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These Friends With Kids make for some pleasing company!

FAMILIES have often been the primary source of comedic entertainment, from the Griswolds of the *National Lampoon* series, to the dysfunctional family unit in *Little Miss Sunshine*.

However, recently comedies have looked outside the family paradigm, moving along with the times to show how different family units function, such as *The Kids Are Alright*.

The topic of children rears its head in *Friends With Kids*, which sees Jennifer Westfeld and Adam Scott play two friends, Julie and Jason, who decide to have a child together, in the knowledge that they won't suffer the same fate as their married friends (played by Jon Hamm and Kristen Wiig, and Maya Rudolph and Chris O'Dowd).

But, as it often does in the world of film, things don't run quite as smoothly as the pair hoped when the thorny issue of the pair's relationship appears on the horizon...

When *Bridesmaids* became a runaway success last summer, many people suggested that it was a watermark in cinema, that women were now capable of harnessing their inner comedy gods to an as yet unseen extent, and being observant of the shift in gender dynamics.

While *Friends With Kids* shares many of the same cast, and in some promotional circles has been likened to this year's version of that film, it is a different concoction altogether, one that is wryly insightful and observational, if a touch too labored overall.

Written, directed by and starring Jennifer Westfeld (who had a hand in the similarly well observed *Kissing Jessica Stein*), this is much more than a chance for the actress to show off her talents. Certainly she is one of the leads, but it's a film in which the characters are well sketched and engaging, and Westfeld sits nicely among the ensemble.

Her performance is more than likeable, and along with Adam Scott, the pair make for a satisfying coupling who are perfect for each other but are the only ones that can't see it, their friendship a stumbling block to full-on love.

Neither Westfeld or Scott are particularly big names (though they should be, particularly the latter) but they hold the film together incredibly well, allowing the starrier support cast to hold up their end of the film with aplomb.

While the support are never as integral to the story as you might want them to be, the performances are well realized, Jon Hamm again shaking off the Don Draperisms with a light, pleasing turn, while Kristen Wiig offers a solid, if slight, performance as his wife. Maya Rudolph is charming and witty in her role, while Chris O'Dowd, who really broke out from *Bridesmaids* last year, steals the support crown with his warm, amusing turn as Rudolph's husband.

Westfeld's direction is very much as you would expect, the New York setting allowing the usual visual delights to hit the screen, but is low-key enough to make sure the emphasis lies on the story.

While the set-up is a little different, there is little doubting the final outcome, but Westfeld throws in enough amusing moments to make the time pass easily enough (even if the final act does drag its heels a little as the film bounds towards its climax).

Certainly the observations and amusing dialogue feels akin to the likes of Woody Allen, the setting a further nod to one of cinema's most productive artists, but there is a modern sensibility that takes in the everyday concerns which gives the film a nice spark and engages.

While not the laugh riot of the likes of *Bridesmaids, Friends With Kids* is still an amusing, well written film.

VERDICT – Wry and well observed, and packed with likeable performances, *Friends With Kids* is well balanced, the laughs raised built on natural comedy and the concept of the 21st century family. Jennifer Westfeld is a dab hand in her triple roles as writer/director/actor, and *Friends With Kids* should hopefully bring her, and co-star Adam Scott, much more attention. *Enjoyable*.

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Knocked Up* (2007), *Crazy Stupid Love* (2011)

SCREEN TALK

by GARETH JAMIESON

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Duo's new book takes trip down memory lane...

GEM columnist Brian Lee and his daughter, Amanda Harvey, have just seen the second book they have compiled together hit the bookshops.

Cardiff Then & Now in Colour, a hardback book, published by The History Press at £12.99, is a fascinating selection of old photographs paired up with modern ones taken by his daughter at the same spot as photographers of a century or so ago.

From the 1860s, residents of Cardiff were complaining of the rapid changes that were taking place in what was to become the capital city of Wales.

This book reveals those changes, mainly in the heart of the city. For instance, Queen Street, once known as Crockherbertown, was known for its cinemas such as the Capitol, Empire and the Queens, and the book shows what has replaced those long gone picture palaces of the past.

Also featured are department stores such as David Morgan Ltd on The Hayes, and Roberts, which used to be on Kingsway.

Some readers may remember the Taff Vale Inn, which used to be on the corner of Paradise Place and Queen Street. But how many know that Oscar-winning Hollywood film star Ray Milland stayed there before he became famous?

Others might recall the old Empire Theatre, later to become the Gaumont Cinema and later still C&A and now Primark.

Harry Lauder, Marie Lloyd, Dan Leno, Vester Tilly and Harry Houdini were just some of the famous music hall stars that trod its boards.

Also featured are the city's famous arcades, the civic centre, the town hall and much, much more.

Brian, who is the author of more than 20 books about his beloved Cardiff, plus several sports titles, has been contributing to The GEM for more years than he cares to remember.

His daughter Amanda, a freelance journalist, is assistant editor of Morris Minor Magazine. Their first book together, published last year, also by The History Press, was *A Postcard From Cardiff*.

Forum meets new champion

THE Vale Older People's Strategy Forum (Vale OPSF) held its AGM on June 28 at the Memo in Barry, and introduced the newly-elected Vale Older People's Champion, Coun Stuart Egan.

Also present was leader of the Vale Council, Coun Neil Moore, and Anna Buchanan from the Older People's Commissioner's Office.

The main presentation to members was 'Scambusters': the team is comprised of dedicated Trading Standards Officers and experienced ex-police officers, who work alongside officers from the Police, HM Revenue and Customs and other enforcement agencies.

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The AGM was well attended, and took fulll advantage of the information made available by 'Scambusters', AdvantAGE, Welfair Rights Service, U3A, TeleV, and Housing information VOGC.

The forum members confirmed the election of Lynda Wallis as the new chairperson of the Vale OPSF, and thanked Mike Edwards for his contribution as previous chairman.

Information on the Vale OPSF can be found at: www.valeopf.org.uk, or by telephoning the Older Peoples Co-ordinator on 01446 450201.

Information on 'Scambusters' can be found at: www.tradingstandardswales.org.uk/scambusters. **JW**

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Carli Evans of Passmores Solicitors and a member of Solicitors for the Elderly is actively encouraging all people to plan ahead and make Lasting Powers of Attorneys.

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CCTV arrests

POLICE made four arrests in the Vale of Glamorgan, thanks to CCTV monitoring. It contacted police on six occasions during the week ending July 1.

On June 28, one person was arrested on Holton Road, Barry, over an outstanding warrant and on July 1, three people were arrested following a theft from Little Main Street, Barry.

Charity shop is opened in Bridgend

THE newly-appointed Lady Mayor of Bridgend County Borough Council, Coun Marlene Thomas, was joined by Coun Jeff Tildesley and other local dignitaries to celebrate the opening of the first Emmaus south Wales charity shop in Nolton Street, Bridgend.

Emmaus (pronounced e-*may*-us) plan to open a number of other shops throughout south Wales.

The mayor said this was the first shop opening she had done and wished the manager, Amanda Webb, the trustees, and all the shop volunteers great success.

The proceeds from the shop will help raise money to open the first Emmaus community in Wales in the Bridgend area, enabling homeless people to have a home, work and hope for the future.

There are currently 23 such communities in England and there is already much support for Bridgend to benefit from all that Emmaus can offer.

ABOVE: Lady Mayor of Bridgend, Coun Marlene Thomas, Coun Jeff Tildesley and other local dignitaries attended the opening of the first Emmaus charity shop in south Wales.

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Y Pafiliwn hefyd fydd lleoliad premier Prydeinig o waith newydd y cyfansoddwr Karl Jenkins, Beirdd Cymru, ar y Nos Sadwrn cyntaf (Awst 5) gyda'r cyfansoddwr ei hun yn arwain Côr yr Eisteddfod, Dennis O'Neill a Rebecca Evans.

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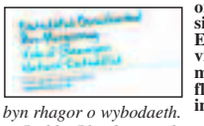

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A MONTH TO GO!

WITH little over a month to go before the start of the Vale of Glamorgan Eisteddfod, the build-up is gathering steam.

The Pink Pavilion has arrived at the site and is a sure sign that the Eisteddfod is on its way! Over 400 caravanners have made an application to the official car park and the maes itself is near to capacity with over 320 stalls let. The Exhibition Hall, home to a variety of jewellery, craft and art stalls, is bigger than ever before, with over 40 exhibitors taking stands.

An important part of the visit of any Eisteddfod is the work of the local appeal committees. These committees are all important in raising money and awareness of the Eisteddfod and it is wonderful to be able to confirm that they are within touching distance of reaching the challenging target of £300,000 the Vale was given.

With numerous activities still to be held we are confident that this figure will be met.

Organiser Hywel Wyn Edwards said: "It's difficult to believe that the Eisteddfod is almost upon us again this year. Two years of work in the Vale of Glamorgan is about to reach its climax.

"The welcome we've received from local people, and from the team of volunteers, has been wonderful, and the work they've done raising awareness and funds is excellent.

"Although there's a month to go, and events still to be held, I think it's timely that we pay tribute to them all for their work, their commitment and most of all for their enthusiasm during a difficult economic period.

"We are extremely grateful for everything you've achieved over the past two years. *Diolch yn fawr.*"

Traffic plan

THE traffic plan is now in place, with full details available from the Eisteddfod website. According to the organiser: "It's important that we remind and encourage everyone to follow the road signs to reach the Eisteddfod. This is vitally important as we must try to keep traffic flowing in the Vale during the week.

"An easy way of not having to worry about traffic is to use public transport, of course, and details of the shuttle services are available on our website.

"The buses will meet the trains at Llantwit Major station and bring visitors to the Maes. A similar service will run from Cowbridge to the Maes and we are keen to see as many visitors as possible using public transport to arrive.

"We will also be providing around 400 lockable bicycle stands close to the main entrance, so cycling to the Eisteddfod is also an option for visitors."

Tickets

IF you are thinking of visiting the Eisteddfod, tickets are available from the website: *www.eisteddfod.org.uk,* or by contacting the ticket line on 0845 40 90 400.

There are very few tickets left for the opening concert, so you'll need to book these as soon as you can.

The other concerts during the week offer something for all tastes, with the concert on the first Saturday promising to be an exclusive and not to be missed event, as the pavilion plays host to the Brisith premier of composer Karl Jenkins' new work: '*Bards of Wales*'.

The composer himself will be conducting the concert, which will feature the Eisteddfod choir, tenor Dennis O'Neill and Soprano, Rebecca Evans.

The three for two ticket offer for 'maes' tickets has now expired, however, the 10 per cent off early bird tickets and the discounted weekly ticket deal are still available from the ticket line or website.

Activities on the Maes

The timetables for our buildings on the Maes have been published on our website: *www.eisteddfod.org.uk,* and we will be updating these regularly as we receive more information.

The official programme will also be available to buy from next week at all good bookshops and through the Eisteddfod website.

The programme includes all kinds of information about activities on the Maes during the day and in the evening throughout the week.

Welsh phrase of the week/Ymadrodd yr wythnos:

BETH yw'ch enw chi? (Beth you-gh enn-oo ch-hee?), which means, 'What's your name?'.

SIONED EDWARDS

Ysgol Sant Baruc achieve goal

THE National Eisteddfod appeals committee is delighted by the fund-raising efforts of the pupils of Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Baruc, Barry.

The National Eisteddfod was the school's chosen charity for this year.

An ambitious target of £2,000 was set by the staff and pupils.

Pupil members of the school council came up with some original suggestions for raising money, by holding themed dressing up days each month.

In addition to this, a generous contribution from the Christmas concerts has ensured that Ysgol Sant Baruc has successfully passed the £2,000 target!

Headteacher, Mrs Rhian Andrew, said that she was very proud of the pupils' efforts and extremely grateful for the support of all the parents.

Ysgol Sant Baruc yn cyrraedd y nod

MAE Pwyllgor Apel yr Eisteddfod Genedlaethol yn ddiolchgar iawn i holl ddisgyblion Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Baruc, Y Barri.

Dewiswyd yr Eisteddfod yn elusen i'w chefnogi gan yr ysgol eleni. Gosodwyd targed uchelgeisiol o ddwy fil o bunnoedd (£2,000) gan y staff a'r plant.

Disgyblion y Cyngor Ysgol bu'n cynnig syniadau i godi'r swm enfawr yn ystod y flwyddyn.

Felly, trwy gynnal dyddiau gwisg anffurfiol, yn dilyn gwahanol themau bob mis, a chyfraniad hael o elw'r cyngherddau Nadolig mae Ysgol Sant Baruc wedi llwyddo i gyrraedd y darged ac wedi mynd heibio'r £2,000!

Dwedodd Mrs Rhian Andrew, y Pennaeth, ei bod yn falch iawn o'r disgyblion ac yn ddiolchgar iawn am gefnogaeth yr holl rieni.

Church group's strawberry tea

CHURCHES Together in Cowbridge and District held a strawberry tea in the hall at the UFC recently.

The proceeds, a total of £100, were donated to the Noah's Ark Appeal, which benefits the Children's Hospital in Cardiff.

On behalf of Churches Together in Cowbridge, Rosemary Samuel said: "Many thanks to all who attended, and to Strawberry Fields and Tesco, who supported the event.

"One of the organisers, who also cooked some delicious scones, was Val Charles, who, together with her husband Alf, was recently honoured by Cowbridge Rotary Club for their 'significant contribution to the community'.

"Val has also been an indispensable member of the committee of Churches Together in Cowbridge for many years. We were all delighted to hear of her and Alf's award."

Barrivale Bridge

LATEST results from Barrivale, June 26:

First, Denis Mottram and Kay Dyer 59.58 per cent; second, Mike Best and Mark Roderick 58.78; =third, Noelle Bond and Judith Owen, and Bryn Gough and Dave Reed 55.

Bryn and Dave won on handicap.

New members are always welcome at Barrivale. If you would like to join telephone 01446 733425 or 01446 418380 or call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road Barry on Tuesdays at 7pm. **MB**

CONFIRMATION OF BYELAWS

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972, PUBLIC HEALTH ACT 1875 AND OPEN SPACES ACT 1906

VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given that the Vale of Glamorgan Council of Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry, Vale of Glamorgan CF63 4RU intends after the expiry period mentioned below to apply to the Welsh Government for confirmation of byelaws made by the Council under section 235 of the Local Government Act 1972, section 164 of the Public Health Act 1875 and sections 12 and 15 of the Open Spaces Act 1906 in respect of land at Cwm Col-huw, Llantwit Major, Vale of Glamorgan.

Copies of the Byelaws will be kept at the offices of the Council at Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry, Vale of Glamorgan CF63 4RU and will be open to inspection without payment on any weekday, not being a Bank Holiday, during the usual office hours for one calendar month from the date of publication of this notice. Copies of the Byelaws will also be supplied on receipt of an application accompanied by a fee of £1.00 for each copy.

Any objection to the application for the confirmation of the Byelaws may be made by letter addressed to Carol Webber, Byelaws, Democracy, Ethics and Partnership Division, Welsh Government, Cathays Park, Cardiff CF10 3NQ (no later than one week after the closing date for inspection) before the Byelaws are confirmed.

D. Marles, Head of Legal Services
Civic Offices, Holton Road
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Dated this 5th day of July 2012

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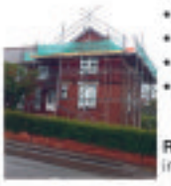

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Shakespeare Road	67	Gold	24/08/11
Somerset Rd East	70	Gold	30/03/10
West Walk	5	Bronze	21/06/12
Dunlin Court	27	Gold	07/12/11
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From April 2013 Housing Benefit Rules are changing for 'working age' tenants who live in Council and Housing Association properties. If you are of pension age this chnage will not affect you.

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To calculate room needs for a client, **one bedroom** is allowed for each of the following:

- every adult couple;
- any other adult aged over 16;
- any two children of the same sex up to age 16;
- any two children regardless of sex aged under 10; or
- any other child.

Foster children are not included in the calculation.

Examples

A single person (of working age) living in a two-bedroom property

The assessment of room need would be **one bedroom**, so a 14% deduction from their Housing Benefit would apply.

A couple (of working age) living in a three-bedroom property

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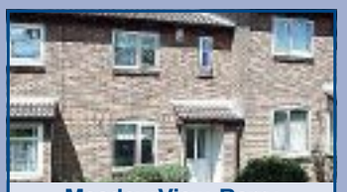

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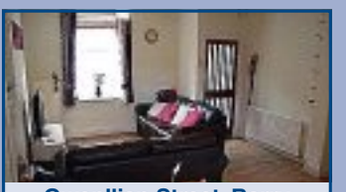

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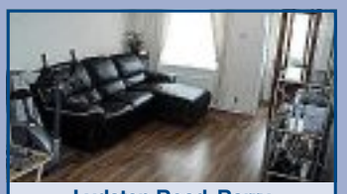

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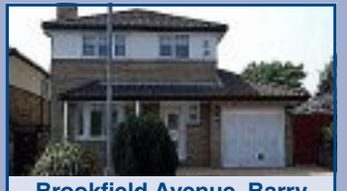

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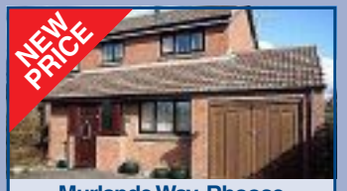

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CARDIFF AND THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN SCHOOLS' CROSS -COUNTRY PRESENTATION EVENING

TWO of the most exciting cross-country talents to emerge from Vale secondary schools for a number of years gained recognition for their fine performances last winter when Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan Schools Athletics Association held its Cross-Country Presentation Evening at Ysgol Gyfun Glantaf.

The duo are Matthew Edwards (Barry Comprehensive) and Ellie Atkinson (Llantwit Major).

For year-10 Ellie, her progress since December 2011 has been almost an unbelievable fairly tale, one which included winning the Cardiff and the Vale Schools under-17 title in early February, finishing second in the Aviva Welsh Schools National under-17 race at the end of February before finishing as the first finisher for the national schools team at two internationals – over the country at the Aviva SIAB Schools' international in Scotland in March and on the road at the Virgin Money Giving Mini London Marathon.

That progress was recognised with the award of a new trophy – the Andrew Ireland Memorial Cup for the outstanding girl.

For older readers, the family name 'Ireland' will bring back fond memories. Andrew, and his parents – Frank and Sally – made a huge impact on athletics in Barry and Barry and Vale Harriers, the old South Glamorgan county, South Glamorgan and Cardiff and the Vale Schools, the Welsh AAA, the Welsh Cross-Country Association, the Athletics Association of Wales, and Welsh Schools.

Andrew gained Welsh Schools international honours while still a pupil at Barry Boys' School in the 1970s. Sadly, injury prevented him reaching his full potential as a senior athlete but, having studied at Caerleon College of Education, he qualified as a teacher and gained a post at Llanilltud Fawr Comprehensive in Llantwit Major.

His contribution to the life of the school – academic and in the extra-curricular athletics programme – was held in high regard and he was promoted to the post of Head of Lower School before leaving to pursue a new career in the Baptist ministry. Sadly, having suffered the death of both of his parents in recent years, Andrew was diagnosed with cancer in November 2010 and died in July 2011, in his fifties.

It was intended to purchase the trophy to mark his death so, at the 2012 Presentation Evening, the Cup was awarded twice – the first time to 2011 recipient, Kate Seary (Whitchurch), with Ellie's name recorded on the engraving as the second holder, much to the delight of her PE teachers, Mrs Alison Rees and Miss Daniella Woolf, who were present to see her collect the award. Hopefully, this may not be the only occasion that Ellie claims the award.

The equivalent trophy for boys – the Birchgrove Cup for the outstanding boy – was shared this year, by Matthew and his training partner, Mike Ward (Llanishen). The two year-12 students made very different impacts over the season. Matthew was on top in the domestic programme, claiming the Cardiff and the Vale Schools' league points title and the senior championships while he also won the schools' senior boys title at the McCain Cardiff Cross Challenge in January, a feat only ever achieved by one Vale-based pupil – Nick Comerford, on the Fairwater Park course in 1984.

Matthew also finished third in the senior boys' race at the Aviva Welsh Schools National championships at Brecon, but was forced to withdraw from the schools' team at the Home Countries International in Glasgow. He was not back to his best when he represented Welsh Schools in the under-17 section at the Virgin Money Giving Mini London Marathon. That gave Mike his opportunity and he earned his share of the award following excellent results at Glasgow and in the Mini Marathon.

Last year, both Cowbridge and Stanwell enjoyed unexpected success in the winter season claiming a host of team trophies but there was no repeat this time.

In the league, three individuals – St Nicholas resident Victoria Shaw (Howell's, year-7), Seren Allin (Cowbridge) and Matthew – claimed points titles, with Seren adding the u14 section to her success at year-7 in 2011, but only two Vale schools gained team awards. Cowbridge girls won the under-14 section with Barry boys taking third senior spot in their competition.

There was greater individual success in the Championships with Seren (under-15), Ellie (under-17) and Matthew (senior) taking titles and Elliot Richards (under-17, third), Victoria (year-7, second) and year-10 pupils Kate Coker (Stanwell) and Erin Hayes (Llantwit) filling second and third places in the under-17 competition.

However, only Barry and Cowbridge figured among the team awards, with the Cowbridge girls completing the only double of A and B awards in the same age group, in the years 8 and 9 championships.

The contribution by Vale pupils to the Cardiff and the Vale performance at the Aviva Welsh Schools Nationals at Brecon was significant. On a day on which the district did not match its 2011 performances, every one of the Vale secondary schools was represented in a 30 strong contingent out of a total team of 85, down on the 91 in the previous year. Both middle teams scored victories while both juniors plus the senior boys and year-7 girls finished in the top three, but there was disappointment with the year-7 boys only finishing fifth and the senior girls not starting a scoring team of six runners.

Three athletes – Ellie, Matthew and Seren Allin – were awarded plaques for representing Welsh Schools at international fixtures.

Plans have already been made for next winter's programme with the boys' starting at Trelai Park on Tuesday, September 18, and the first girls' fixture due to be held at Bryn Hafren on Tuesday, September 25.

Awards made to Vale pupils:

League awards: Years-7 Girls - Under 12; Pts Victoria Shaw (Howell's) 387; Team: 2 Howell's (1850) 67; Years 8 and 9 Girls - Under-14; Pts Seren Allin (Cowbridge) 411; Team: 1 Cowbridge 74; Years 10 to 14 Boys - Under-19; Pts Matthew Edwards (Barry) 244; Team: 3 Barry 55.

Championship team and individual awards:

Boys' Championships held at Trelai Park on January 24:

Years-10 to 14 Under-20 55 finishers; Under-17 third Elliot Richards (Stanwell); Under-20 first Matthew Edwards (Barry); Team: second – Barry 62; Scorers: first, Matthew Edwards; 10th Elliot Clissold; 22nd James Lofthouse; 29th Curtis Hayes.

Girls' Championships held at Trelai Park on February 7:

Year 7 – Under-13 77 finishers; Second Victoria Shaw (Howell's); Team: first – Howell's 41; Scorers: second Victoria Shaw; 13th Ellie Howes; 20th Harriet James'; Years 8 and 9 – Under-15 78 finishers; First Seren Allin (Cowbridge); Team: first – Cowbridge 33; Scorers: first Seren Allin; seventh Nadine James; 11th Rebecca Thomas; 14th Genevieve Kirk; B Team first – Cowbridge B 105; Scorers: 17th Ela Emyr; 25th Milly Green; 31st Cerys Bradshaw; 32nd Jemma Viney; Years 10 to 14 – Under-20 33 finishers; Under-17 first Ellie Atkinson (Llantwit); second Kate Coker (Stanwell); third Erin Hayes (Llantwit).

Award of cross-country colours to athletes who competed at the Aviva Welsh Schools' National Championships at Brecon on February 25: Senior Girls under-20 No team; 12th Fiona Bray (Cowbridge); Middle Girls Under-17 Team – first - 71; second Ellie Atkinson (Llantwit); 14th Jessica Jaques (Cowbridge); 17th Erin Hayes (Llantwit); 23rd Megan Osborne (Llantwit); 26th Kate Coker (Stanwell); 54th Miriam Bennett (Cowbridge); Junior Girls under-15 Team – second 90; sixth Seren Allin (Cowbridge); 29th Nadine James (Cowbridge); 52nd Rebecca Thomas (Cowbridge); 54th Annabelle Birch-Hurst (Stanwell); 55th Ysobelle Williams (Westbourne); Year-7 Girls under-13 Team – third 128; 15th Victoria Shaw (Howell's); 62nd Lowri Morgan (Cowbridge); Senior Boys Under-20 Team – second 71; second Matthew Edwards (Barry); 23rd Elliot Clissold (Barry); 27th Rhys George (Bro Morgannwg); Middle Boys under-17 Team – first 79; 30th Dafydd George (Bro Morgannwg); 37th Ieuan Jones (Stanwell); 39th Ben Owen (Llantwit); 50th James Lofthouse (Barry); 51st Will Parker (Llantwit); dnf Tom Rawlings (Llantwit); Junior Boys Under-15 Team – second 90; 41st Alex Love (Cowbridge); 43rd John Wardle (Barry); 48th Aled George (Bro Morgannwg); Year-7 Boys Under-13 Team – fifth 161; 38th Ben Paris (Bishop of Llandaff); 44th Samuelle Williams (Westbourne); 68th Joseph Hewings (Barry).

Athletes who gained international selection: For Welsh Schools at the Aviva SIAB Schools' International at Strathallan, Perth, Scotland on March 31:

Under-17 Girls Ellie Atkinson (Llantwit Major) sixth; Under-15 Girls Seren Allin (Cowbridge) 21st.

For Welsh Schools at the Virgin Money Giving Mini London Marathon on April 22:

Under-15 Girls Ellie Atkinson (Llantwit) eighth (17:39); Under-13 Girls Seren Allin (Cowbridge) 52nd (20:09); Under-17 Boys Matthew Edwards (Barry) 24th (15:17).

Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan Schools' Athletics Association; The 16th cross-Country presentation:

Under-13 Girls, Seren Allin (Cowbridge) 52nd (20:09); Uncder-17 Boys Matthew Edwards (Barry) 24th (15:17).

PETER MORRIS

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL
(A4231 BARRY DOCK LINK ROAD, BARRY) (30MPH SPEED RESTRICTION AND PROHIBITION OF RIGHT TURN (TEMPORARY) ORDER 2012

On the 5th July 2012 the Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and of all other enabling powers made an Order the general effect of which is as described in the Schedules below.

The Order will come into operation on the 15th July 2012 or on the date that the necessary Traffic Signs are in place whichever is the later and a copy of the Order may be seen at the address shown below during normal office hours.

If you wish to question the validity of the Order or any provisions contained therein on the grounds that they are not within the powers conferred by the above Act or on the grounds that any requirement of the same or that any instrument made under it has not been complied with in relation to the Order, you may within six weeks from the 15th July 2012 apply to the High Court for this purpose.

SCHEDULE 1

No person shall cause or permit a motor vehicle to travel at a speed greater than 30 mph in the location specified in Schedule 2 below.

SCHEDULE 2

Location The area of the A4231 Barry Dock Link Road to be affected is between the roundabout with the A4055 Cardiff Road and the roundabout with Gilbert Lane (Supermarket).
In addition, the Order known as The Vale of Glamorgan Council (A4231 Docks Link Road, Barry) (50mph Speed Restriction) Order 2005 will be suspended whilst the 30mph signs are in place.

Reason To allow essential road safety improvements to be undertaken, together with associated works.

Duration From 06:00Hrs on 15th July 2012, for a maximum period of 18 months, or until such time as the 30mph Traffic Signs are removed, whichever is the sooner.

SCHEDULE 3

2. No person shall cause or permit a vehicle to turn right at the locations specified in Schedule 4.

SCHEDULE 4

Location The right turn from the A4231 Barry Docks Link Road into Coldbrook Road, Barry.

Alternative Route In a southeasterly direction to the roundabout at the A4055 Cardiff Road, then "U" turning at this roundabout, back along the A4231 Barry Docks Link Road then turning left into Coldbrook Road.

Location The right turn from Argae Lane onto the A4231 Barry Docks Link Road.

Alternative Route In a southeasterly direction to the roundabout at the A4055 Cardiff Road, then "U" turning at this roundabout, back along the A4231 Barry Docks Link Road.

Location The right turn from A4231 Barry Docks Link Road into Argae Lane

Alternative Route In a northwesterly direction to the roundabout at Gilbert Lane (Supermarket) then "U" turning at this roundabout and travelling back along the A4231 Barry Docks Link Road and turning left into Argae Lane.

Location No Right Turn from Coldbrook Road onto the A4231 Barry Docks Link Road

Alternative Route In a northwesterly direction to the roundabout at Gilbert Lane (Supermarket) then "U" turning at this junction and travelling back along the A4231 Barry Docks Link Road.

Reason To allow essential road safety improvements to be undertaken, together with associated works.

Duration From 06:00Hrs on 15th July 2012, for a maximum period of 18 months, or until such time as the No Right Turn Traffic Signs are removed, whichever is the sooner.

Dated this 5th day of July 2012.
Mr. M. Punter
Director of Visible Services and Housing,
Vale of Glamorgan Council,
The Alps, Wenvoe. CF5 6AA

CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG
GORCHYMYN (DROS DRO) (CYFYNGU CYFLYMDRA I 30M.Y.A. A GWAHARDD TROI I'R DDE) (FFORDD GYSWLLT DOCIAU'R BARRI (A4231), Y BARRI) CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG 2012

Ar 5 Gorffennaf 2012, gwnaeth Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, gan arfer ei bwerau o dan Adran 14(1) Deddf Rheoli Traffig 1984, a phob pwer galluogi arall, Orchymyn i'r diben cyffredinol a ddisgrifir yn yr Atodlenni isod.

Daw'r Gorchymyn i rym ar 15 Gorffennaf 2012 neu ar y dyddiad y bydd yr holl Arwyddion Traffig yn eu lle, pa un bynnag a fo'r dyddiad diweddaraf. Bydd copi o'r Gorchymyn i'w weld yn y cyfeiriad isod yn ystod oriau swyddfa arferol.

Os hoffech ddadlau'n erbyn dilysrwydd y Gorchymyn, neu'i ddarpariaethau am na chredwch fod gan y ddeddf uchod b?er i'w gweithredu, neu am y tybiwch eu bod yn methu â chydymffurfio â gofynion y ddeddf uchod, neu un o'i hofferynnau, bydd gennych chwe wythnos o 15 Gorffennaf 2012 i wneud cais i'r Uchel Lys i'r diben hwnnw.

ATODLEN 1

Ni fydd neb yn gyrru nac yn achosi nac yn caniatáu i neb arall yrru unrhyw gerbyd yn gyflymach na 30 m.y.a. yn y mannau a bennwyd yn Atodlen 2 isod.

ATODLEN 2

Lleoliad Y rhan o Ffordd Gyswllt Dociau'r Barri (A4231) sydd dan sylw yw'r darn rhwng y gylchfan sy'n cysylltu â Cardiff Road (A4055) a'r gylchfan sy'n cysylltu â Gilbert Lane (Archfarchnad)

Hefyd, bydd y **Gorchymyn a adwaenir fel Gorchymyn (Cyfyngu Cyflymdra i 50m.y.a.) (Ffordd Gyswllt Dociau'r Barri (A4231)) Cyngor Bro Morgannwg 2005** yn cael ei ohirio nes bod yr arwyddion 30m.y.a. wedi'u gosod.

Rheswm Gwneud gwaith angenrheidiol ar gyfer diogelu'r ffordd ac unrhyw waith arall sy'n gysylltiedig â hynny.

Cyfnod O 06:00 ar 15 Gorffennaf 2012 ymlaen am hyd at 18 mis, neu ar ôl i'r arwyddion traffig 30m.y.a. gael eu symud, pa un bynnag a fo'r dyddiad diweddaraf.

ATODLEN 3

2. Ni fydd neb yn troi i'r dde yn y mannau a bennwyd yn Atodiad 4 nac yn achosi nac yn caniatáu i unrhyw un arall wneud hynny.

ATODLEN 4

Lleoliad Y troad i'r dde sy'n arwain o Ffordd Gyswllt Dociau'r Barri (A4231) i Coldbrook Road, Y Barri.

Llwybr arall Mynd i gyfeiriad y de-ddwyrain nes cyrraedd y gylchfan sy'n cysylltu â Cardiff Road (A4055), gwneud 'tro pedol' o gwmpas y gylchfan honno, mynd yn ôl ar hyd Ffordd Gyswllt Dociau'r Barri, a throi i'r chwith i Coldbrook Road.

Lleoliad Y troad i'r dde sy'n arwain o Argae Lane i Ffordd Gyswllt Dociau'r Barri (A4231).

Llwybr arall Mynd i gyfeiriad y de-ddwyrain nes cyrraedd y gylchfan sy'n cysylltu â Cardiff Road (A4055), gwneud 'tro pedol' o gwmpas y gylchfan honno a mynd yn ôl ar hyd Ffordd Gyswllt Dociau'r Barri (A4231).

Lleoliad Y troad i'r dde sy'n arwain o Ffordd Gyswllt Dociau'r Barri (A4231) i Argae Lane.

Llwybr arall Mynd i gyfeiriad y gogledd-orllewin nes cyrraedd y gylchfan sy'n cysylltu â Gilbert Lane (Archfarchnad), gwneud 'tro pedol' o gwmpas y gylchfan honno, mynd yn ôl ar hyd Ffordd Gyswllt Dociau'r Barri (A4231) a throi i'r chwith i Argae Lane.

Lleoliad Y troad i'r dde sy'n arwain o Coldbrook Road i Ffordd Gyswllt Dociau'r Barri (A4231).

Llwybr arall Mynd i gyfeiriad y gogledd-orllewin nes cyrraedd y gylchfan sy'n cysylltu â Gilbert Lane (Archfarchnad), gwneud 'tro pedol' wrth y gyffordd honno a mynd yn ôl ar hyd Ffordd Gyswllt Dociau'r Barri.

Rheswm Gwneud gwaith angenrheidiol ar gyfer diogelu'r ffordd ac unrhyw waith arall sy'n gysylltiedig â hynny.

Cyfnod O 06:00 ar 15 Gorffennaf 2012 ymlaen am hyd at 18 mis, neu ar ôl i'r arwyddion traffig 30m.y.a. gael eu symud, pa un bynnag a fo'r dyddiad diweddaraf.

Dyddiedig 5 Gorffennaf 2012.

M. Punter,
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From Brynna to Penarth...

TAOW in two places at once!

At the Brynna Carnival.

SATURDAY, June 23, witnessed Tae Kwon Do Academy of Wales being in two places at once.

The Celtic Cup was being held at Penarth Leisure Centre, while TAOW took a small team up from Brynna and Pyle due to their commitment at the Brynna Carnival.

They did extremely well, with Gareth Roberts once again proving he is a force to be recognised.

Gareth came away with another gold medal in sparring, as did his cousin Kian Elward.

His son, James Roberts, following in his dad's footsteps came away with silver for sparring.

Hollie Roberts, Jason Russell and Ellie Russell won bronze in sparring and Ellie also won a bronze for her patterns.

Well done to Arran Watt, Ross Davies and Connor John for taking part.

Arran then had to be rushed back to Brynna to participate in the demonstration. They started off doing some sparring, followed by patterns in different teams, showing some very good displays using all ages and grades.

We had some self defence by Jordan Sage, Sam Boyd, Callum Eades, Arran Watt, Dewi Casley and Elliot Rees, India Howells showed off a fantastic routine using the bo staff, with Talisa Eades and Caitlin Morgan (aged 7) spinning the staff at the front.

The demonstration finished with some board breaking by the Black Belts, Finn Murphy and Daniel Morris.

It was a great day and the weather stayed kind to us.

TAOW will be performing another demonstration at the Pencoed Carnival on Sunday, July 8.

For further information please contact Leanne Casley on 07921312897; due to classes growing we have now extended the senior classes to Tuesday and Friday, 7pm 8.30pm. **IP**

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Plenty of fun at charity event

All pull together for the Breast Cancer Care Strawberry Tea tournament in Cowbridge.

A MINI tag rugby tournament was held in Cowbridge on Saturday, June 23, as part of the Breast Cancer Care Strawberry Tea.

The weather held for the early events, but the heavens opened as the tournament commenced, demanding the six teams play their matches in torrential rain. The tournament was attended by two teams from Cowbridge Rugby Club (under-13 and under-14 teams), a team representing Llysworney and a collection of more 'experienced' players, from the generation above the youth teams.

In the senior competition, after a tough fought battle of ill-used muscle versus forgotten skill, the Monday five-a-side football squad managed to secure a win while keeping their hamstrings intact; other veteran players were not so fortunate (sorry, Andy)!

The youth competition was a close call, but victory fell to the under-14 team led by Joe Davies. All the teams played with passion, and a soggy smile!

However, credit must be given to the youngest and only female player, Robyn Martin who gave a shining performance throughout.

The tug-of-war contest saw the youths convincingly beat the senior teams, despite their much lighter body weight!

Finally, the golf/rugby contest saw much hilarity but Sean Davies squeaked a win to take home a book personally signed by Eddie Butler.

Heartfelt thanks to all who played and stood in the pouring rain to support the event.

Their kindness and generosity ensured a lot of fun for all involved and raised nearly £200 for a worthy cause. **LE**

Tom's slalom success

BRIDGEND Canoe Club hosted a two-day river slalom competition recently.

Despite the wet weather, participants came from England, west Wales and Cardiff-based clubs to take part.

The incessant rainfall created an ever rising river level, but the canoeists paddled hard down the course, battling swinging slalom posts and rushing water to gain the fastest times possible.

Tom Edwards, aged 13 from Llandow, competed and won his division, completing the course in 1 minute 25 seconds, beating his nearest rival by 9 seconds.

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Members and guests day at the RAF St Athan Golf Club

Past and present captains enjoy the banter!

CLUB captain, Steve Hopkins and the members of RAF St Athan Golf Club were delighted to welcome many new and old friends when they hosted their annual members and guests day.

The day began early and remained relatively dry for the majority of the players; however, the waterproofs were needed for those that started their game later on in the afternoon.

The greenkeeping staff, Dave Cooper and Tony Horne along with Chairman of Greens Hugh Williams, must once again be congratulated for the superb condition of the course. Many guests playing at RAF St Athan for the first time were surprised just how formidable the course was – club selection being paramount for the narrow tree-lined fairways.

Nearly 100 golfers competed in the four-ball-better-ball competition with Joe Higgins and his guest Josh Tarrant taking home the winners prizes with a magnificent 47 points, Joe carding a two on the par-four 11th hole boosted the points considerably.

ABOVE: Josh Tarrant and Joe Higgins.

Shaun Wilson strikes a pose.

Now living in Saudi, Trev Graham returned to the club to partner JWG Morgan, and their 44 points total was enough to snatch second place away from Danny Coyle and Chris Davies, who scored a very respectable 43 points.

Members and guests day is always a fun time – old and new faces coming together to challenge each other, with liquid refreshment and light-hearted banter about dodgy handicaps, receding hairlines and growing waistlines being the order of the day.

This year proved no exception with the club captain holding together the after match formalities with decorum and composure – well done, Steve!

Thanks must also be given to Pauline Lewis who had the daunting task of deciphering the cards, Leanne and her team for the excellent cuisine provided throughout the day, and Pete Lewis for providing the entertainment for the evening.

RESULTS: First, J Higgins/J Tarrant; second JWG Morgan/T Graham; third, D Coyle/C Davies.

Longest Drive: J Tarrant.

Nearest the pins: M Hurry and J Higgins.

Twos: J Higgins, A Pentith, E Allison, G Bohun, S Thomas, M Edwards, S Wilson.

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Junior lifeguards to represent the Welsh under-21s in French Games

ABOVE: Lauren Blake and Kathryn Gardner have earnt international selection.

ON June 2, two members of Rhoose Lifeguards, Lauren Blake and Kathryn Gardner, took part in a trial for the Welsh under-21 representative team, which will be competing in the 2012 Atlantic Watersports Games.

This event, which will be held in mid-July at Quiberon in France, tests competitors from a range of water sports, including rowing, canoeing, kite surfing and surfing, as well as surf life saving.

Despite being amongst the youngest competitors at the trial, at just 15, both girls performed exceptionally well.

They turned out impressive displays in both sea and beach events, and thoroughly deserved their consequent selection to the team.

Congratulations to both of you from everyone at Rhoose Lifeguards.

The team are going to carry out fundraising events to help cover the costs for this trip and a duck race (plastic, of course) has been organised for July 10 at Ogmore by Sea.

If you would like to purchase a duck, contact Rhoose Lifeguards at: www.rhooselifeguards.co.uk. **AL**

Jubilant June at Wenvoe Castle Golf Club

With the condition of the course, particularly the greens, at its very best, members and visitors had plenty of opportunity to enjoy a variety of competitions throughout the month of June.

The mixed greensome open day attracted players from wide and far, and the winning visitor's prize was won by Steve Gill and Debra Pool from Peterstone Lakes with the top score of 37 points. Runners up, and just beaten on count back, were Russell and Linda Haliday from Langland Bay.

The winners of the members' prize were Gordon and Sue MacPherson with an excellent 39 points, just enough to pip the runners up Rob and Lynda Campbell by a single point.

The men's section had a particularly busy programme, including club championship knock out qualification – top qualifier Andre Le Roux with a gross 154 strokes over 36 holes; and Dragon Trophy knock out qualification – top qualifier Nigel Curtis with a net 71 over 18 holes.

The Welsh Individual Handicap qualifier – Dean Rowlands with a net 69; seniors stableford – John Crawford with 39 points; July stableford – Kevin Knowles coming out on top, also scoring 39 points.

The Viv Jones Trophy – Rhys Ivory with a net 69; LG Fellows Trophy – Peter Jarvis with a net 70; Summer stableford – Ashley Griffiths, 41 points.

The ladies' section was also busy with a number of competitions being held, notably the Tegwen Perkins Trophy.

Tegwen (now Matthews) is still a member of the club and the trophy is in recognition of her excellent achievements as an amateur and, coincidentally, recently captained the successful Curtis Cup team to the memorable victory over the United States.

Tegwen Perkins Trophy – Debra Jones was delighted to win the trophy with 37 points in these special circumstances; ladies' stableford – Vi Harris winning with 34 points; Golf Union of Wales medal – Susan Jones, best score with a net 93; Welsh Dragon Brooch medal – Sue MacPherson, successful with a net 76.

Off the course, a 'street' party was organised to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee and the ladies' section ran a very successful race night, filling the Castle Suite with eager punters where the main winners were always going to be the nominated charitable causes.

Club captain Norman Robbins took the opportunity at the captain's inaugural ball to thank all those involved at the club, especially the green staff in maintaining and presenting the course and the catering staff for their considerable efforts in the club house.

The best ambassador for the club is clearly the magnificent course; contact club secretary Nicola Sims on 02920 594371 for membership details. **BJ**

ABOVE: Members' prize winners Gordon and Sue MacPherson with lady captain Lynda Campbell.

ABOVE: Visitors prizewinners – Steve Gill and Debra Pool from Peterstone Lakes.

Members' prize runner-up Rob Campbell with club vice president Colin Champ.

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Master Leon realises his lifelong dream!

Master Leon Shakespeare has completed two ambitions over his long and successful sporting career – visiting the shrine in Korea where Tae Kwon Do began, and holding the 2012 Olympic Torch!

Master Leon has been teaching Tae Kwon Do throughout the Vale since 1973, and has been very successful with his students all over the world.

During the games in Korea in the 1980s, his students came third in the Mu Do category, which combines all the disciplines of Tae Kwondo in one competition.

Other successes over the years have taken place in games held in Britain, Canada, Mexico, Switzerland, France and Portugal.

Master Leon was also voted Sports Personality of the Year (2005) by the Vale Sports Council committee, and was voted Coach of the Year (2006) for Wales.

The group have also received funding over the years in support of training new instructors from the Sports Council for Wales.

In 2011, Master Leon was also invited to appear on the popular Paul O'Grady show. He and students and their families were treated to an overnight stay in London and a tour of the studios. As part of a thank you for agreeing to take part, Paul O'Grady provided much-needed new dobuck for all members, licences for one year, and lockers for the local community centre where they train.

Master Leon had wanted to hold the Olympic torch as he believes that sport is an important way of bringing people together, not only from different countries but also within our own Tae Kwon Do family in Wales.

Jane Hutt AM kindly arranged for him to visit the Senedd and hold the Olympic torch as part of this year's ceremonies.

Master Leon was honoured to be able to do this and thanked Ms Hutt for her support.

He still regularly attends and teaches Tae Kwon Do at Castleland Community Centre and Cowbridge Leisure Centre at the age of 74years!

If you would like to know more about Master Leon's classes, contact him on: 01446 733529.

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Master Leon Shakespeare realises his dream of holding the Olympic torch at the Senedd.

Huskies on the lookout

BARRY Huskies Basketball Club are looking for 12 -18 year olds to join their junior program ready for next season.

Training is at Holm View, Skomer Road, Barry, Fridays 6pm-8pm, Sundays 9am- 1pm. Contact Alun Rees 07950864046 or Ian Gibbons 07967562392, or www.barryhuskies.net for more information.

Mixed results for Dinas Bowlers

Continuing their respective PG1 and PG2 fixtures against Merthyr West End, a much changed Dinas first side secured a convincing victory at home wining by a 20 shot margin (84 - 64) taking all 14 points.

Dinas rink scores: G White, R Parker, C Parsons, N Leigh 16 - 15; C Scott, R Osbourne, P Critcher, C Todd 22 - 19; D Parker, M Edwards, G Griffiths, R Janes 24 - 12; G Parr, A Harvey, A Wedlake, A Meddins 22 - 18.

Away from home Dinas second side lost their fixture at Merthyr, despite going into an early lead and 11 shots up at the halfway stage.

With the exception of the Neil Giles rink, Dinas failed to master the changing weather conditions and were pegged back by a determined Merthyr team, losing by 6 shots (64 - 70), and gaining just 2 points.

Dinas rink scores: M Seaford, A Locker, P Marks, N Giles 22 - 11; D James, J Coles, B Critcher, J Porter 12 - 24; R Diment, D Ireland, T Hurcom, A Jones 17 - 20; M Diment, G Welch, A Desrosiers, C Bates 13 - 15.

AMD

Football trials

CADOXTON Imps AFC are looking for under-12s players (year-7).

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For more details, telephone David Francis on 07977 920233 or Peter Richards on 07402 715829.

Barry Town looks forward to the visit of Cardiff

BARRY Town's pre-season challenge match against a "strong" Cardiff City XI has been confirmed for Wednesday, August 8 (7.30pm), with tickets now on sale.

The game was originally set to have been played 24 hours earlier - but with the Bluebirds in action at AFC Bournemouth on Tuesday, August 7, it was thought that a change of date would allow for a significantly stronger Cardiff City side to take the field at Jenner Park.

As a result, any players not fully involved at Dean Court on the Tuesday are likely to face Gavin Chesterfield's MacWhirter Welsh League side the following evening.

The challenge match, which kicks off the march to Barry Town's 100th anniversary celebrations in November, is organised by the Barry Town Supporters Committee - who are now solely responsible for the funding, running and survival of Barry Town football.

Former Bluebird player Damon Searle is likely to feature for the Town, having previously played against the Dragons way back in the famous Welsh Cup Final between the sides back in 1994.

As a goodwill gesture to the local community, the Barry Town Supporters Committee has capped general admission tickets at a bargain £5, with seats for under-11s at only £3.

In these testing financial times, it is hoped that such good value will encourage the people of Barry and beyond to support the match in their droves – with all takings from ticket sales being received by the Barry Town Supporters Committee and put back into the football.

A capacity of 2,000 has been confirmed for the match, with tickets available online now at www.ticketsource.co.uk/BarryTownSC.

The Barry Town Supporters Committee would like to publicly thank the Vale Council, Malky Mackay and the Barry and Vale Harriers Athletics Club for their assistance and support in helping this fundraising game to go ahead.

More details on the challenge match can be found on the Barry Town Supporters Committee website at www.club-website.co.uk/BarryTownSC - while the Facebook event page can be found at www.facebook.com/BarryTownSC

Meanwhile, supporters are gearing up for their first Community Action Day this Sunday, from 10.30am.

Having taken on responsibility for the action on the field, the BTSC, in partnership with the Vale Council, is now taking initiative off it.

The purpose of what is set to become a series of Community Action Days is to help restore Jenner Park to its previous status as a proud sporting venue for the whole community.

Having suffered several years of aesthetic degeneration, local firm Wardles recently kindly upgraded, repainted and furnished the dugouts and the partnership of the BTSC and the council is now set to implement further improvements.

On Sunday, all members of the Barry community are wholeheartedly welcome to come and help spruce up parts of the venue that have seen better days.

These include, but are not limited to, turnstile and weeding areas – and all assistance is much appreciated.

Ashley Cox

Wanted: football players

BARRY CELTS AFC are looking for players to join their under-12, under-13 and under-16 teams for next season.

Players should be going into year-7, year-8 and year-11 school terms in September.

We are also after enthusiastic people to help out on match days and with coaching. Anyone interested can take all the relevant FAW courses, paid for by the club, if they want to pursue it further.

All our present coaches are at least FAW level 1 qualified, and the club has FAW accreditation.

The club aims to provide a fun and fair base for all players to enjoy playing football and to get an equal opportunity on the field.

Registration for players is at the end of July, so for further information on training days contact Martin Bradshaw on 07900 327860.

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